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Child, 7, is shot in the face

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A 7-year-old boy who was allegedly playing with a registered firearm that he had found in the house in Kagman accidentally shot himself in the face and had to be evacuated to Guam for emergency surgery last May 21, 2023.

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IN MESSY AFTERMATH OF TYPHOON MAWAR

Guam 'very blessed' with no early reports of major damage

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO and JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER
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HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Chainsaws buzzed Friday as neighbors helped neighbors clear toppled trees and began cleaning the wreckage of Typhoon Mawar, which walloped Guam as the strongest typhoon to hit the island in over two decades but appeared to have passed without leaving death or massive destruction in its wake.

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'Heavy rain damaged Tinian's unpaved roads'

'TOUCHBACK' COUNTDOWN
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takes effect on
Sept. 30, 2023:
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Many of Tinian's unpaved roads were damaged by the excessive and heavy rains wrought by Typhoon Mawar last Wednesday and Thursday, worsening the state of these roads and creating even bigger potholes.

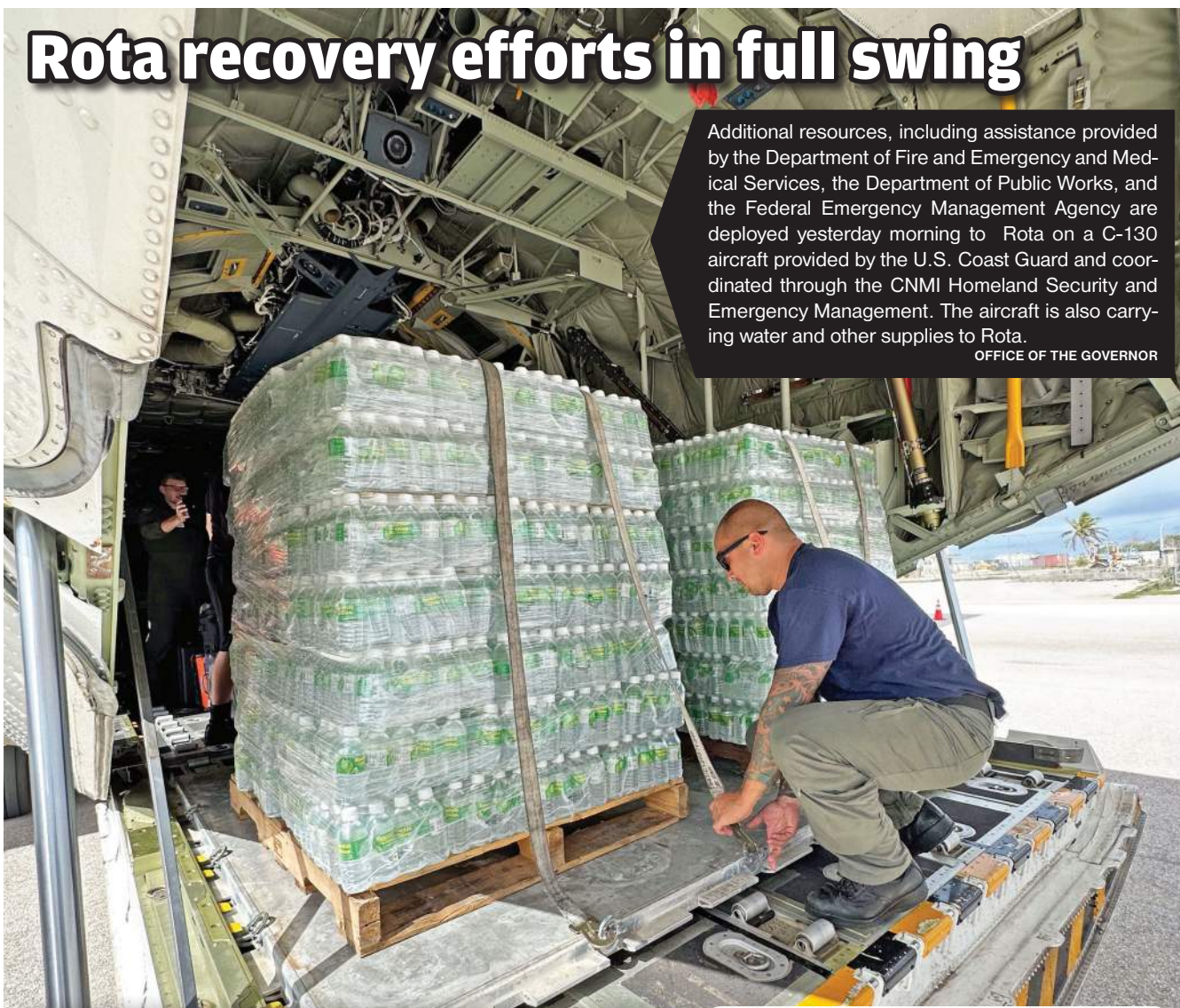
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Rota recovery efforts in full swing

Additional resources, including assistance provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency and Medical Services, the Department of Public Works, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are deployed yesterday morning to Rota on a C-130 aircraft provided by the U.S. Coast Guard and coordinated through the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The aircraft is also carrying water and other supplies to Rota.

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The CNMI has immediately kicked into full gear its recovery efforts following the glancing blow from Typhoon Mawar, with representatives of the local government and federal partners now on Rota to provide post-typhoon aid.

First responders like representatives from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Depart-

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In the wake of Typhoon Mawar, United Airlines launched on May 27 its first humanitarian flight to Guam.

In the wake of Typhoon Mawar, United Airlines launched on May 27 its first humanitarian flight to Guam, a Boeing 777 from San Francisco, loaded

with supplies from its disaster relief partners, including The American Red Cross. The flight was expected to land in Guam yesterday, May 28, at 1:58pm.

Aid in this first shipment includes cases of blood product, each blood donation has the potential to save more than one life; 480 clean up kits including work gloves, trash bags, collapsible mop, cleaning materials, etc.; and 5,760 comfort kits including hygiene products like soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, facial tissues, etc.

Having been a part of the Guam community since 1968, United has 800 employees on the island and has been actively checking on their welfare, assessing damage at the airport, making plans to assist in the humanitarian response and working to provide access to and from the island.

United is working alongside officials at Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport to resume commercial service as soon as the airport is able to manage flight operations and passengers in the terminal. United has canceled scheduled Guam flights through Monday, May 29, and extended a travel waiver through June 5.

United aids communities in crisis after natural and man-made disasters by delivering supplies and volunteers using our planes. We also partner with nonprofits best equipped to provide relief to the communities that need it. In the recent past, United used its global network to ship COVID-19 vaccines, support the evacuation of Afghans to the U.S., and donated cargo space for shipments of

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United is Guam's hometown airline

United has been the hometown airline in Guam and Micronesia since 1968, when Continental Airlines started Air Micronesia. United and Continental merged in 2010.

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- Working with Guam's public hospital and brought in travel nurses at no cost to the government.

- Moving cargo and transporting COVID vaccines and personal protective equipment into Guam and Micronesia. (United)

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'Gov't travel, per diem policy needs overhaul'

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to remind the community of Rota of the importance of prioritizing water conservation and rationing during this critical time.

As of 6pm last Tuesday, CUC took precautionary safety measures in anticipation of heavy rainfall through the night and turned off the water system to avoid potential contamination during high turbidity levels caused by heavy rain.

However, the Sinapalo water tank level should remain high and will continue to fill up as long as the water wells

continue to pump water into the tank. Should the pumps lose power source during the storm, the water tank level will drop as water is consumed by the community.

CUC is requesting all Rota residents and establishments to enforce water conservation and rationing and avoid unnecessary usage such as doing laundry, water blasting, cleaning, car washing, etc. as these activities will put an additional strain on the water supply.

By conservation and ra-



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tioning of water, the community can work together to ensure that there is enough supply for essential purposes.

Should the electricity that sources the water well pumps go out during the storm, CUC will prioritize getting electricity to the wells after the storm to bring the water tank level up and provide water services to the community.

For more information, contact CUC's automated hotline at (670) 236-4333 or visit its website at www.cucgov.org and monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates. For utility emergencies, call (670) 664-4282. (CUC)

Kilili astonished over the US House's 10-day recess without acting on raising debt ceiling

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) has expressed astonishment at the 10-day recess the U.S. House of Representatives was taking without acting on raising the debt ceiling.

In a one-minute speech on the House floor last Friday, Sablan said if he has to go home and face 700 veterans and their families, their question is what is going to happen to their benefits.

"They have to take extra paperwork to get it and people would lose access to their food benefits, their health benefits. Teachers, firemen, first responders, police officers, these are individuals who [are going to] lose their access to the benefits that



Kilili

they usually get from either from Social Security, from their [Veterans Administration] checks and etc.," he said.

Sablan told the House speaker that they should return to the House the following day and continue the work before them. "It's too important to allow us to go home," he said.

The delegate in his *e-kilili*

newsletter on Saturday that, without legislative action, the U.S. government will be unable to pay its debts, perhaps as early as next Thursday.

Defaulting on the debt puts 3,500 Social Security recipients in the Marianas at risk, jeopardizes the CNMI's 26,000 Medicare and Medicaid recipients, and would raise interest rates for anyone who buys a home or car or borrows to expand their business, Sablan said.

Sablan stated that the Republicans' continuing inaction to raise the debt ceiling will have deeply damaging effects on Marianas residents.

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May We Remember and Honor Those Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice.

From Mayor Ramon RB Jose Blas
Camacho & Staff



Public warned of high surf and rip currents

A high surf advisory is now in effect until 6pm today, Monday. The public is also being warned that there is a high risk of rip currents through Monday afternoon.

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI

Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, large breaking waves of 9 to 12 feet are expected along west facing reefs of Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, as well as dangerous rip currents.

The high surf advisory is expected to last until 6pm today. For the high

rip current risk, it is projected through this afternoon.

These factors will create dangerous swimming and surfing conditions and localized beach erosion. Rip currents can sweep even the best swimmers away from shore into deeper water.

The large west swells will decline

BOG reopening some branches today

HAGATÑA, Guam—Bank of Guam will reopen some of its branches in Guam and the CNMI over the Memorial Day holiday.

The following branches—Hagatfia, Yigo, Garapan, Rota, and Tinian—will open from 9am to 1pm with limited transactions.

Bank of Guam also continues its

efforts to restore their ATM network and contact center operations.

“Giving you access to your money is something we know is greatly needed at this time. While we have seen some of our ATMs come back online as early as this morning, power fluctuations remain a challenge. In the meantime, we have

started the process of reopening our branches while our teams work to get our entire network up and running as part of our commitment to Rebuild Stronger,” said Joaquin P. L.G. Cook, bank president and chief executive officer

For the latest updates on Bank of Guam operations, follow @bankofguam on Facebook and Instagram or visit bankofguam.com. **(PR)**

HEAVY

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bune’s request Thursday for information about the municipality’s initial assessment, Tinian information officer Melanie Cruz said the municipality’s Department of Public Works conducted minimal debris removal on all road obstructions around the island.

Cruz said that no facilities were damaged and there were no power or water interruptions throughout the Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan on Thursday night.

CHILD

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The child, who is reportedly in stable condition at an unnamed Guam hospital, is expected to recover, according to a Department of Public Safety news release yesterday. It was not immediately known why it took DPS nearly a week to release information about the incident.

The DPS news release stated that the boy accidentally discharged the gun and hit himself in the face while he and another child were playing with the gun.

Saipan Tribune asked DPS whether rumors about the gun being registered to a law enforcement officer was true or not, but DPS could not confirm or deny this as of press time.

“We can’t release [information] yet until confirmed. Once the information is provided, I will give out updates,” said DPS spokesperson Fred Sato.

Sato added that the case still remains under investigation. He also did not clarify whether the child’s guardians are facing consequences or not.

According to the DPS news release, police responded to the incident in Kagman on Sunday, May 21, at about 9:55pm. The child was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center and was later evacuated to Guam for emergency surgery.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the child and another minor were playing inside a relative’s home when one of them somehow got hold of the firearm. While handling the gun, one of the children accidentally discharged the weapon.

Super Typhoon Mawar briefly made landfall Wednesday night in Guam, knocking down power lines and trees and creating a powerful storm surge. There were no serious injuries or major damage to Rota, Saipan, and Tinian.

At 5:30pm Thursday, Gov. Arnold I. Palacios issued an “all clear declaration for Saipan and Tinian. At 8:20pm Thursday, Palacios officially issued an “all clear” for Rota.

Cruz said there was no shortage on food supply as Tinian residents were able to stock up on supplies before the typhoon arrived.

Cruz said emergency equipment were all on standby, but

were not utilized prior to or during the typhoon.

She said no immediate medical care was required as a few Tinian patients were sent up to Saipan on Monday morning.

She said majority of the island’s stores/supermarkets were open throughout the storm.

Cruz said there was no fuel shortage as residents were able to acquire fuel for generators and vehicles.

She said there was no shortage on food supply as residents were able to stock up on supplies before the storm came.

Only one shelter, the Tinian Elementary School cafeteria, was activated during the storm.

As of yesterday, about 90% of residences in Sinapalo 2 have been energized while 85% of CUC customers in Sinapalo 1 have been energized.

Meanwhile, 80% of residences in Songsong have been energized while power service to the Ginalagan area has been restored.

Power was restored to the Rota Health Center and the Rota International Airport last Friday. They were the first to be energized post-Typhoon Mawar.

Water

Water service is online for the island of Rota, but customers from Teneto to the farm area have been experiencing low water pressure.

CUC water crew continue to repair leaks caused by the storm and Rota residents continue to experience intermittent services as the leaks are being repaired.

Meanwhile, CUC has issued a boil water notice for residents of Rota as water samples are tested at the CUC lab on Saipan.

According to CUC, CUC’s Saipan crew made it to Rota just in time to assist with power and water services restoration.

HSEM continues to coordinate the transportation of specialized tools, auger trucks, and two bucket trucks needed to assist the crews with the ongoing restoration of services.

In addition, resources continue were deployed to Rota on a C-130 aircraft provided by the U.S. Coast Guard and coordinated through the CNMI HSEM. The aircraft has been carrying water and other supplies to Rota since last Saturday morning.

slightly Sunday night and Monday but is expected continued the westerly swell through much of the week. The high surf advisory may need to be extended.

Inexperienced swimmers should remain out of the water due to dangerous surf conditions.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMI Judiciary operations after Typhoon Mawar

On Friday, May 26, 2023, the following NMI Judiciary facilities resumed regular business hours:

- Guma Hustisia, Susupe, Saipan
- Kotten Tinian, San Jose, Tinian
- Commonwealth Recorder’s Office Alternate Site at the Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe, Saipan
- Law Revision Commission at the Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan

The Rota Centron Hustisia in Sinapalo, Rota will remain closed until further notice. **(PR)**

Memorial Day ceremony today

The CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs under the CNMI Office of the Governor would like to remind all military members, family, and the general public about the Memorial Day ceremony today, May 29, 2023, at 9am at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

The public is advised to stay out of the water. Swim near a lifeguard. If caught in a rip current, relax and float. Don’t swim against the current. If able, swim in a direction following the shoreline. If unable to escape, face the shore and call or wave for help. **(PR)**

emony today, May 29, 2023, at 9am at the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi.

Every year, the Office of Veterans Affairs holds its annual ceremony in honor of our fallen heroes that served in the protection of the United States and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact (670) 664-2650 or email Ja.Atalig@dof.gov.mp. **(PR)**

Jury selection on June 5 is canceled

This is to inform all prospective jurors on panel “23DS/23GS” that the jury selection scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2023 at 8:30am is hereby vacated until further notice. For more information, contact Clerk of Court Patrick Diaz at Superior Court at (670) 236-9783 or (670) 783-8522. **(PR)**

GUAM

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While it was still early going in the recovery effort, police Sgt. Paul Tapao said there did not seem to be any major damage, main roads were passable and “Guam has been very blessed to have no storm-related deaths or any serious injuries.”

To Tapao, the roar of the mechanical saws was a reminder of the resilience of the storm-prone U.S. Pacific territory and its people.

“Everyone helps out with the cleaning,” he said. “That’s the Guamanian way—that’s embedded in the blood.”

He added that there’s a saying in Chamorro—the indigenous language of the Mariana Islands—“inafa maolek,” that means cooperation, a concept of restoring harmony or order.

“Storms have taught our island to be resilient,” he said. “We’re still here.”

Still, officials said it could take weeks to clean up the mess after Mawar briefly made landfall as a Category 4 storm Wednesday night on the northern tip of the island of roughly 150,000 people, flipping cars, tearing off roofs and leaving trees bare.

Some villages had little or no water Friday, Tapao said. About 51,000 customers were without electricity, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. There were 725 people in shelters Friday, down from nearly 1,000 on Thursday, officials said.

Water contamination from the heavy rains and runoff was a concern: The Guam Waterworks Authority issued a notice advising residents to boil water before drinking it, and the Guam Environmental Protection Agency warned people to stay out of the sea at all beaches because of high bacteria content.

The central and northern parts of

the island received more than 2 feet (60 centimeters) of rain as the eyewall passed. The swirling typhoon churned up a storm surge and waves that crashed through coastal reefs and swamped houses.

In the southeastern village of Yona, the floodwaters reached above the waist at the home where Alexander Ken M. Aflague’s mother-in-law and sister-in-law live, he said. Two trucks and an SUV were completely submerged.

Aflague said the mood on the island was like after every storm, as people assess the damage and move toward rebuilding their lives back to normal. His major worry was shortages, saying supplies were at levels similar to what they were during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“The cleanup is the struggle but we all pitch in and help each other,” he said via text message.

Also in Yona, winds peeled back the roof of Enrique Baza’s mother’s house, allowing water to damage everything inside. His mother rode out the storm with him at his concrete residence, he said, but “my mom’s house didn’t escape.”

He drove around in a pickup after the storm passed looking for supplies to repair her roof, but most stores were without power and accepting only cash. Many wooden or tin homes were badly damaged or had collapsed outright.


“It’s kind of a shock,” Baza said.

On Friday, President Joe Biden declared that a major disaster exists for Guam and ordered federal aid to supplement recovery efforts.

There were long lines at ATMs and some stores and gas stations on Friday.

Officials said they anticipated being able to resume operations at the flooded A.B. Won Pat International Airport next Tuesday.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com



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and give thanks on
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FEMA's 'whole community' response continues in Guam, NMI

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Federal funding under President Joe Biden's major disaster declaration for Guam will help the territory recover from Typhoon Mawar as damage assessments are ongoing to determine the scope of damage from the disaster. The impacted areas continue to experience power outages, water service disruptions and communications are intermittent. Anyone trying to reach friends or relatives should remain patient as outages are being restored.

The first cargo flights with supplies, equipment and emergency responders landed at Guam's International Airport last Saturday. The airport remains closed to commercial traffic and is expected to resume operations tomorrow, Tuesday. All airports in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are open for daylight operations only.

More than 475 FEMA personnel are supporting re-

sponse and recovery efforts in Guam and CNMI and working closely with local officials and voluntary organizations to assess damages.

Federal, territorial, commonwealth and voluntary actions

■ The Guam Power Authority continues its restoration efforts, reporting more than 46% of substations have been restored, with power restored at Guam Memorial Hospital, Guam Regional Medical Center, five of seven dialysis centers and Guam Airport Authority. About 12 % of customer demand has been restored as well. There are more than 100 generators on the island to help provide power to critical facilities.

■ The CNMI Commonwealth Utilities Corp. reports that 90% of customers in Sinapalo 2, the most populated area in Rota, have power. Saipan and Tinian are fully energized.

■ The Guam Water Authori-

ty informed that it deployed four 60,000-gallon water tanks to help supplement water needs in the communities and that 50% of its operable wells are online. All of Guam and Rota drinking and wastewater systems have been impacted by power outages and are under boil water advisories.

■ Feeding and bottled water missions continue, with a priority to distribute to healthcare facilities and shelters.

■ Shelters remain open on both CNMI and Guam.

■ The U.S. Small Business Administration is deploying personnel to conduct assessments and support recovery efforts as needed.

■ FEMA is coordinating with its network of Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster to provide support and humanitarian aid. More than 120 voluntary personnel are headed to the impacted areas and 80 local staff are available to support the distribution of supplies and



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Airmen assigned to the 734th Air Mobility Squadron assist with cargo of Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 26 May, 2023. FEMA personnel arrived to Guam to assist with Typhoon Mawar relief efforts.

perform assessments.

■ The Red Cross is on the ground in Guam providing emergency assistance items like tarps, flashlights, coolers and clean-up kits to residents. The American Red Cross of Guam hotline is operational: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for anyone trying to reach friends or relatives who are on the island.

■ The National Disaster Distress Helpline is also activated and anyone who has been affected by Typhoon Mawar can call 1-800-985-5990 for immediate counseling and support.

■ FEMA mission assigned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to assist with temporary emergency power, temporary roofing and debris management support. USACE deployed personnel to provide public works and engineering technical expertise. USACE teams will conduct electrical assessments

of critical facilities like hospitals, shelters and water treatment plants.

■ The Guam National Guard remains activated assisting local and territorial police with traffic control.

■ The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deployed two medical teams with a third team remaining on alert status for the Pacific.

To learn more about the Typhoon Mawar response and recovery efforts visit, FEMA.gov.

Flood watches remain for both the territories as soil is oversaturated and drains are clogged. Residents should remain cautious and avoid floodwaters as they may contain downed power lines or waste that can lead to illness.

Safety messages

■ Residents who begin to clean-up should wear protec-

tive clothing and wear appropriate face coverings or masks if cleaning mold or other debris. If possible, take pictures of any damage in your home for insurance purposes.

■ As power remains un-restored in many areas, residents using power generators should always use them outside to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning.

■ For those seeking the status of family members or friends, but are having trouble connecting, the communications and electrical systems are being repaired and stabilized at this time.

For real time updates, visit the following links for the latest information:

■ Guam Homeland Security: <https://ghs.guam.gov>

■ Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of the Governor: <https://governor.gov.mp> (PR)

PROFILE Sailor from the CNMI serves with US Navy in Japan

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NAVY OFFICE OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH

SASEBO, Japan—Lt. Jonathan Wilberscheid, a sailor from Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands who joined the U.S. Navy five years ago, now serves the Navy in Japan.

"I joined the Navy to serve, and to pay back the country for the opportunities I have had as a U.S. citizen," said Wilberscheid. "I know people who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, and I felt like I owed it to them to serve."

Today, Wilberscheid serves as a Judge advocate general with Region Legal Office Western Pacific.

Skills and values learned in

the Navy are similar to those found on Saipan.

"Growing up, I learned that it was important to own my mistakes," said Wilberscheid.

According to Navy officials, Region Legal Office Western Pacific empowers forward-deployed U.S. and Allied Forces while providing superior support to military members and their families.

Wilberscheid serves in Japan as part of the Forward Deployed Naval Forces. These naval forces operate with allies and partners to preserve a free and open Indo-Pacific region. Service members in this region are part of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, which has the largest area of responsibility in the world.

"As the largest force in our nation's front line against revisionist actors, U.S. Pacific Fleet meets this great responsibility with strength, resolve and confidence," said Adm. Samuel Paparo, U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. "Together with our joint and combined partner operations, we are positioned to defend—across all domains—any attempts to threaten our nation, our allies and partner's security, freedom and wellbeing."

As a member of the Navy, Wilberscheid is part of a world-class organization focused on maintaining maritime dominance, strengthening partnerships, increasing competitive warfighting capabilities and sustaining combat-ready forces in support of the National Defense Strategy.

"The Navy participates in national defense by keeping the sea lanes open for everyone," said Wilberscheid. "Millions of people are lifted out of poverty due to open trade."

As Wilberscheid and other sailors continue to train and perform missions, they take pride in serving their country in the U.S. Navy.

"Being in the Navy means that I am a part of something bigger than myself," said Wilberscheid. "I feel like I am doing my small part in the Navy to make the world safe."

Wilberscheid is grateful to others for helping make a Navy career possible.

"I would like to thank my friend, Jack, who helped me train to get into the Navy," added Wilberscheid. "I would also like to thank Judge William Greenberg, who I worked for before joining. He recommended that I join the Judge Advocate General corps."



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

GILL BLAS :
CONDOMINIUM OWNERS :
ASSOCIATION, :
Plaintiff, : Civil
vs. : Action Case
T.R.C., LTD., : No. 23-0023
HARUMI SHIRAGA, : SUMMONS
KOUSHI FUJIWARA, :
AND SHIMA OSADA :
Defendants. :

TO T.R.C., LTD.:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the Court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Plaintiff's attorney, Seman Law Offices, LLC, whose physical address is JET Realty Building, Suite 204, Gualo Rai, Saipan and whose mailing address is P.O. Box 10001 PMB 168, Saipan, MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, Judgement by Default may be taken against you for relief in the Complaint.

Dated: February 13, 2023

By: /s/
Clerk of the Superior Court

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AMENDED #2 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport

"Retail Concession"

CPA-RFP-005-23

for:
CPA Concession No. RCA-2022-01

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("CPA" or "Authority") is soliciting proposals for the award of one (1) concession granting the privilege to provide retail services to the traveling public at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport ("Retail Concession"). The successful proposer will be expected to provide retail services in accordance with its concession and concession agreement at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport for a period of Three (3) years upon entering into a concession agreement with the Authority.

The date of issuance of CPA-RFP-005-23 is April 20, 2023, and it can be obtained at the issuing office: CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, Second floor of Arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport or at the administration office at the Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport.

Proposals must be addressed to Commonwealth Ports Authority, Attn: Retail Concessions Evaluation Committee, CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950; and submitted to and received by the CPA Administration Office (second floor of arrival terminal at the Saipan International Airport) by or before 12:00 p.m. (noon) on June 9, 2023, at which time the proposal period shall expire. Proposals must be accompanied with a non-refundable administrative fee of \$50.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, or cashier's check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority to defray the costs associated with handling and considering the proposal. Proposals are not required to include a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to cancel this RFP and to reject any and all proposals in accordance with its Concession Regulations (NMIAC Chapter 40-70).

/s/
CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
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EDITORIAL

It's not perfect, but it's a start on immigration reform

As the debt ceiling showdown moves toward the critical stages, a bipartisan House group has offered a path forward on another controversial issue: immigration.

On Tuesday, a handful of Democrats and Republicans in the lower chamber announced they would introduce the Dignity Act, which The Washington Post described as “the most robust immigration proposal to date this Congress.”

Notably, the six main co-sponsors—three Republican, three Democrat—are Hispanic members of Congress who represent border states. The primary authors are Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., and Rep. Veronica Escobar, D-Texas.

“We’re not each pursuing the perfect as we see it,” Rep. Salazar said. “We are pursuing a compromise that is real, that is common sense.”

As such, the legislation has something for everyone to hate. It includes beefed-up border security, anathema to progressives, and a pathway to legal status for those in the country illegally, a thorn for conservative border hawks.

Under the proposal, Congress would add more Border Patrol agents “as well as additional surveillance technology and border fencing,” The Wall Street Journal reported. At the same time, the bill would allow those who have been living in the United States illegally for at least five years to pay a \$5,000 fine over seven years to gain protection against deportation. At that point, they could pay another \$5,000 fine and gain permanent resident status or start the process of citizenship.

The bill also creates processing centers and “humanitarian campuses” for those awaiting adjudication of their status. Employers—including those in the agriculture business—would face stricter E-Verify requirements regarding their workers, the Journal notes. The Dignity Act would boost the number of visas and green cards available to meet demand and create a new year-round visa program for farmworkers—while also more quickly deporting those who aren’t granted asylum.

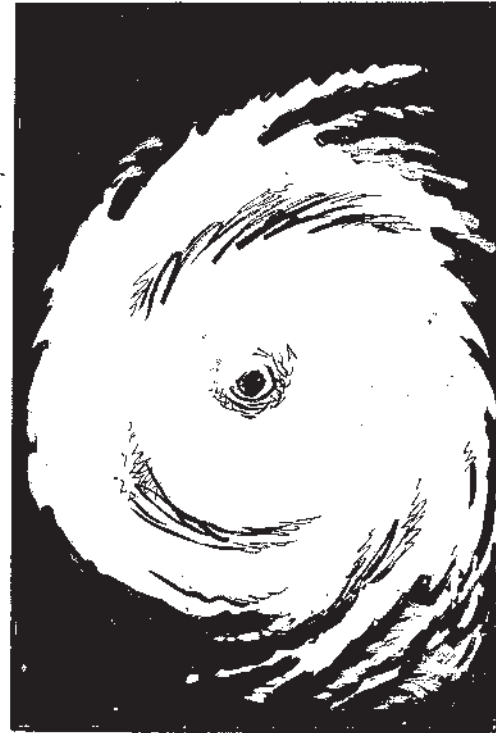
“Holding out for the perfect will make the situation worse,” Rep. Escobar said. “I have an ideal vision as well. But if I sit on my hands until I’m able to execute on that ideal vision, then the situation will only grow more and more challenging.”

GOP leaders have vowed not to take up immigration reform until passing a border security law. But all these issues are intertwined. There’s nothing politically compromising about House Republicans using the Dignity Act as a starting point for serious talks on this contention issue, showing voters that they’re willing to substantively address pressing problems even if nobody gets everything they want.

The Dignity Act deserves a fair hearing.

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Radio daze messaging in the video age

This was the week when Americans were astonished to discover that the most famous Democratic elder statesman and Republican rookie in our national politics have something very basic in common. And it is driving their most fervent faithful bonkers.

We are talking, of course, to President Joe Biden and Florida’s Gov. Ron DeSantis. And what they have in common, as you just saw and heard, is how flummoxed they both are when trying to showcase themselves and their views in the total-tech video age that surrounds us everywhere we glance, on the big screens, small screens and eye-phones that run our lives.

Wednesday was supposed to become the biggest day of DeSantis’ national political life—the announcement that he was indeed running for president. It’s the political moment that can become an image we remember forever: The Great Communicator, Ronald Reagan, standing in the breeze, Statue of Liberty at his back, red-white-and-blue balloons, bright blue sky as he said something about patriotism and a better future. Hey, even Donald and Melania sent their idea of a forever message: gliding down their golden escalator, surrounded by the pink marble of their tower—the start of a gilt trip to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue.

So DeSantis carefully planned his announcement so he’d be sure you knew he intended to hit the ground running. And finally, Wednesday, DeSantis took his first step—right onto an upturned rake.

BONK.

DeSantis had bizarrely arranged a golden message moment that would be a voice-only Twitter livestream. Zero memorable visual image. He’d be hosted by Elon Musk, Twitter’s new owner, who created and controls Tesla and sends rockets into space. So what could go wrong?

Everything. The DeSantis Show was a no-go from the get-go. It sputtered and went silent. More than 500,000 listeners (less than you might expect) apparently overwhelmed Musk’s machine. Two minutes later it sputtered to life, only to dead-mic again—a nonperformance befitting a guy who invented an EV Yugo. After 25 minutes of radio silence, DeSantis finally announced: “I am running for president of the United States to lead our great American comeback.” Come again?

No doubt DeSantis did create one unity triumph—he undoubtedly got both Donald Trump and Joe Biden laughing at him. But Biden’s most stalwart Democrats are frustrated beyond belief at how the Biden White House has lost control of their best message—that a debt default calamity is just days away—and it is being caused only by Republicans who refused to extend the debt ceiling as they routinely did

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under Trump and past Republican presidents. Why? Just to make Biden look bad.

The problem isn’t future spending; it is old debts created by money spent long ago by both parties—and also by revenue that Republicans chose not to collect from rich corporations that pay zero taxes and billionaires who pay a lower tax percentages than you do. Those old debts are now rushing toward us like a runaway freight in a one-track tunnel. They’ll reportedly hit us in the first days of June. Then the whole world will see the Leader of the Global Economy default on its global debts. America’s government will break its promises to pay recipients around the world—and all of you who receive federal aid or support.

For weeks, Biden’s White House was content to let Republicans control the debt ceiling messaging and claim it must be only about cuts in future spending. But that’s false. Belatedly but finally, Biden oddly used a Thursday military event where he named his new joint chiefs chairman to regain a bit of control over his debt ceiling message. He said the debt ceiling must be raised now, regardless of negotiations on future spending. (Republicans refuse to repeat that promise.)

Biden and congressional Democratic leaders should have better controlled their message by holding visually compelling events stressing that Democrats are seeking to LOWER future deficits by both cutting spending and increasing tax revenue from wealthy corporations and citizens who refuse to pay their fair share.

EPILOGUE: Half a century ago, Republican Richard Nixon famously warned us, in a presidential tax reform message: “Special preferences in the law permit far too many Americans to pay less than their fair share of taxes. Too many others bear too much of the tax burden.”

Soon after, the IRS ruled Nixon took an improper deduction and didn’t pay his fair share of taxes either—until the IRS forced him to. So here’s today’s bottom line debt ceiling message: Nixon was right—too many didn’t pay “their fair share” of taxes back then. They still don’t. We must demand that Republicans join Democrats and finally require the wealthiest in our midst to all pay their fair share.

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The Kremlin offers a Trump-Putin ticket for 2024

The bizarre and unsavory strongman bromance between Vladimir Putin and Donald Trump continues. If you're a MAGA Republican and not having second thoughts by now, something's wrong with you.

The latest head-scratcher and jaw-dropper is a new list of sanctions slapped on American individuals by the Russian president. That's already weird. Aren't we in the West the ones imposing sanctions on him for waging a genocidal war of conquest against Ukraine?

But there it is. Putin, as ever, peddles his own narratives that wantonly invert reality. So in the Kremlin's book, it's Russia that must punish the West for its aggression.

The creepier part is Putin's pick of the 500 Americans on that list. Quite a few of them have nothing whatsoever to do with Russia or American policy toward the Kremlin. They instead share a different distinction: They're domestic foes of the former US president.

There's Letitia James, for example, the attorney general of New York who's suing Trump for fraud. And Brad Raffensperger, the secretary of state of Georgia, who resisted Trump when, after losing the 2020 election, the president leaned on him to "find" votes to flip the outcome. And there's Michael Byrd, the police officer who shot and killed a pro-Trump rioter on Jan. 6, 2021, when MAGA crowds sacked the US Capitol. Also included are celebrity Trump foils like Barack Obama and Stephen Colbert.

What's going on here? Putin, with his KGB-trained mind, is one of the most manipulative creatures on Earth. His sanctions list is just one more twist in his extensive and global disinformation campaign, designed to sow division and discord in Western societies.

In this case, the Russian president is once again signaling to Trump and the Tucker Carlson wing of the Republican party that they should make common cause. Your enemies are my

enemies, Putin is vibing. And of course he'd quite appreciate Trump returning that favor if he gets back into the White House, and even if he doesn't.

I say "once again" because Putin has long been siding with Trump, on the sly and not so sly. As the special counsel's report of 2019 confirmed, Russia meddled in the election of 2016 to help Trump. The special counsel's only question mark was whether Trump actively "conspired or coordinated with the Russian government" —or merely enjoyed its help passively. That ambiguity was enough for Trump to run around mouthing "no collusion, no collusion."

Once in the White House, Trump certainly seemed to see the world in a Putinist way. His first impeachment had to do with his attempt to bully Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who's lately been number 1 on Putin's (literal) hit list. Trump also talked to his NATO allies —especially former German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who triggered him in unfathomable ways —as though they were America's real enemies. At the same time, he made googly eyes at his neo-Tsarist pal in the Kremlin, with the admiration of one authoritarian for another.

In that way, both strongmen belong to a small but growing club of populists that also includes Viktor Orban. The Hungarian prime minister impresses them because he took a liberal democracy —one that's part of the European Union and NATO —and in effect turned it into an "illiberal" (Orban's word) autocracy. He did that in part by stoking resentments against liberals, LGBTQ people, migrants and eurocrats. Step by step, he also ignored, then dismantled, almost all of those pesky and tedious checks and balances that democracies have. That's made Orban a hero of the American far right.

But Hungary is small, whereas Russia is —militarily and geographically, at least —huge, and it has nukes. Have Trump fans not noticed that Putin has over the past 15 months repeatedly threatened to use nuclear weapons?

By **ANDREAS KLUTH**

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Trump has noticed, of course. But it doesn't seem to bother him all that much. Supporting Ukraine and antagonizing Russia is not in America's national interests, he told Tucker Carlson when the latter still had his talk show on Fox News. Instead, Trump is sure that he'd broker peace. What he seems to have in mind is Ukrainian capitulation.

America's Western allies are increasingly clear about their fears and hopes for next year's US presidential election. In reply to students at a school near Berlin this week, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz dropped diplomatic niceties. "The current president is better, so I want him to be re-elected," he said. Joe Biden, Scholz added, knows "what you have to do to prevent the world from going to war." Trump, Scholz said, only stands for division.

Ultimately, it's Republicans who must decide whom to nominate for president, and whether to keep turning themselves into a Trumpist cult. It's not too late. Raffensperger, the one on Putin's sanctions list, is also Republican, for example. And he knows how to deploy macabre humor for patriotic ends.

"While I was previously unaware of my anti-Russian activities, I accept the verdict of Russia, whose commitment to truth, justice and the rule of law speaks for itself," Raffensperger deadpanned this week. "My inclusion on this list is deserved, and I appreciate them thinking of me." Let Republicans think on that.

Ron DeSantis faces a sobering lesson on ambition, hubris, and big talk

When you're the governor of a state, you're a big, important deal.

Your whims can assume the force of law. The stroke of a pen can open or close schools, help or harm major industries and, in cases involving capital punishment, decide whether a person lives or dies.

A governor who wins election in a big state, like, say, California, Texas or Florida, is even more powerful and may be all the more convinced of their genius and political prowess. (Who's going to disabuse them?)

Inevitably, Washington beckons, as it has for Florida's freshly reelected governor, Ron DeSantis, who formally, inauspiciously entered the Republican presidential contest Wednesday with a glitchy announcement on a sputtering Twitter livestream.

As if on schedule, DeSantis learned a lesson that other gubernatorial grandees soon came to understand: Despite their high esteem for themselves, there is absolutely nothing like running for president.

And what's more, all the glory they've reveled in back home doesn't promise success once they cross state lines to seek the White House.

"It's a totally elevated experience that is like none other in the political world," said Don Sipple, who worked on then-California Gov. Pete Wilson's winning 1994 reelection campaign and losing 1996 run for president. "The scrutiny, the magnification of mistakes. It's a torture test."

Dave Carney agreed. He helped steer Rick Perry's career as the longest-serving governor in Texas history and suffered through his failed 2012 White House bid.

"It isn't running harder," Carney said. "It isn't just taking the map and doubling it or tripling it or quadrupling it. It is a different tempo. And it's a different set of issues" in state after state after state.

None of this is to suggest that DeSantis can't or won't be the Republican nominee in 2024, or go on to become the nation's 47th president.

He's stumbled over the last several months, displaying his inexperience in foreign policy and leaning even more aggressively into his spiteful vendetta with Disney, one of Florida's largest and most significant employers.

DeSantis' rough going has scraped much of the gloss off November's 19-point reelection victory and encouraged other Republicans to join the GOP race and take on the front-runner, former President Trump.

More significantly, DeSantis' forays into the early-balling states of Iowa and New Hampshire—and the see-me, feel-me, touch-me expectation of voters there—have revealed a candidate with the social skills of a hermit and charisma of a wet cardboard box.

That said, every presidential hopeful goes through at least one difficult patch in his or her campaign. Those who prevail learn from the experience, adjust and improve—and don't go mistaking their prior success for more than it's worth.

Even a nation-state like California, home to nearly 40 million people and the world's fifth (or fourth, depending who you believe) economy, is no stand-in for the nation as a whole. In fact, as Wilson proved, the skill set required to win statewide office here and other behemoths like Florida—mainly the capacity to raise a ton of money to pay for wall-to-wall TV advertising—is not automatically of great service elsewhere.

That's especially so in the more sparsely populated states bunched at the front of the political calendar.

"Money is very important," said Carney, who operates out of New Hampshire, "and good TV ads. A good message, good digital execution."

But, he went on, "you just can't do one event in a state and leave," the way a candidate for governor might pop into a city only long enough to raise a bushel of cash and make the 6 o'clock news. "You really have to invest in high-quality time with people."

Think of a run for president as a kind of steeplechase, its path strewn with all sorts of obstacles.

By **MARK Z. BARABAK**

Los Angeles Times

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Different rules in each state for collecting delegates. Different rules for getting on the ballot. Different political personalities needing care and tending. And, not least, local concerns and cultural quirks that can easily trip up those who arrive uninitiated.

"There are parochialisms that are in play in a presidential contest that you don't experience in a state contest," Sipple said.

In Missouri, for instance, where he worked a number of campaign, the pronunciation of the place matters a lot to certain people.

"Those in the outstate rural areas believe it should be 'Missou-rah,'" Sipple explained. Elsewhere, residents "believe it should be 'Missour-ee.' And they will discount you if you get it wrong."

And woe unto candidates who visit Nevada, one of the key early-voting states, and tells the audience how pleased they are to be in Ne-VAH-duh.

The success of another Texas governor is instructive.

George W. Bush was not only a supple one-on-one campaigner, he spent many years—working longer and more diligently than Perry, Wilson or DeSantis—cultivating allies around the country and laying the groundwork for his eventual 2000 presidential run. (His political pedigree and famous last name didn't hurt.)

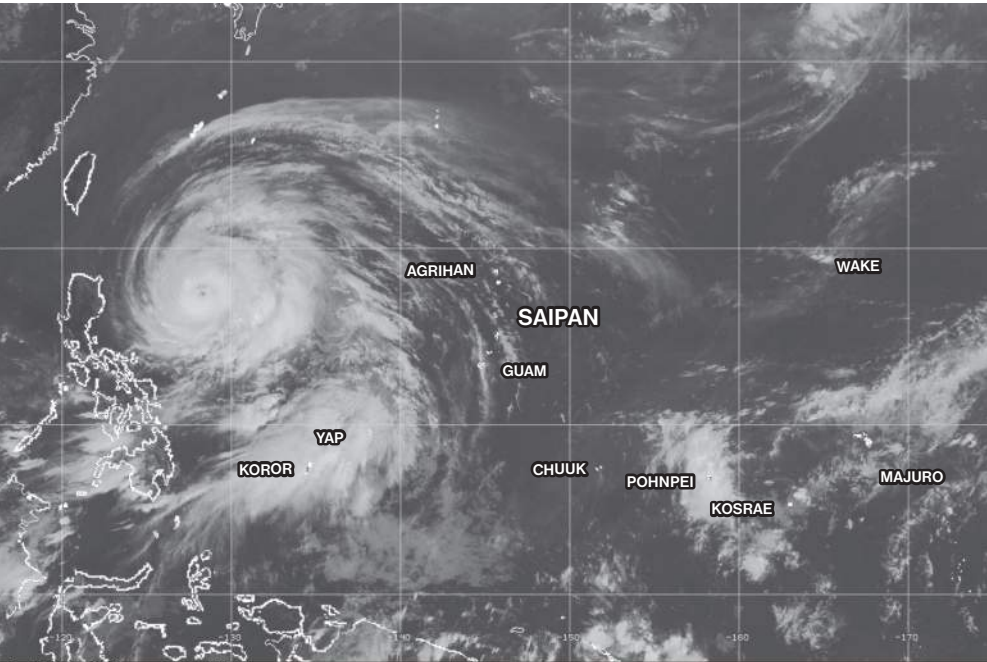
Sipple, who helped Bush win his first term as Texas governor in 1994, said the only thing that success in a big state does "is allow you to compete at a higher level that you've never done before."

Or to put it a way that DeSantis, a college baseball star at Yale, might appreciate: Winning a landslide in Florida is kind of like being a phenom at the triple-A level in baseball's minor leagues. It's impressive. But you still haven't proved you can hit major league pitching.

That's the test facing DeSantis in the weeks and months ahead.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
A 40 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny		Cloudy		A 40 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny		Isolated showers. The rain could be heavy at times. Mostly cloudy		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy	
86°	76°	86°	78°	86°	78°	85°	81°	84°	80°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 9:00 AM, SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite indicating mainly isolated trade showers. Ipan buoy indicating seas 5 to 7 feet over the eastern waters, with some higher seas possible over western waters.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Palau	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Yap	Scattered Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 80°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	85° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	85° / 80°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Tuesday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Wednesday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	5:45 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:45 AM	6:44 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	1:23 AM	1:30 PM
Tuesday	-	1:58 AM	2:17 PM
Wednesday	-	2:32 AM	3:06 PM
Thursday	-	3:09 AM	3:58 PM
Friday	-	3:48 AM	4:53 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Thundershowers	66° / 55°	
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	89° / 68°	
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	90° / 82°	
Honolulu	Cloudy	82° / 72°	
London	Partly Cloudy	64° / 47°	
Los Angeles	Cloudy	69° / 59°	
Manila	Cloudy/Wind	92° / 83°	
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	61° / 53°	
Miami	Showers	85° / 74°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	77° / 60°	
Osaka	Rain	77° / 69°	
Paris	Mostly Sunny	77° / 52°	
Busan	Rain	71° / 64°	
Rome	Thundershowers	81° / 59°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	78° / 59°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	59° / 53°	
Seoul	Light Rain	84° / 65°	
Tokyo	Rain	73° / 66°	
Washington, DC	Cloudy	73° / 61°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:28 AM	High Tide	1.90	
09:56 AM	Low Tide	1.03	
2:51 PM	High Tide	1.47	
9:06 PM	Low Tide	0.70	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 30, 2023							
DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
UA824	7:25AM	9:55AM	1, 3, 5	UA825	9:25PM	1:50AM+1	2, 4, 7
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	UA184	10:25PM	4:15AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	UA189	10:25PM	6:10AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:15PM	9:10PM	Daily	PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
				UA192	11:50PM	5:35AM+1	2, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/703	4:20AM	10:35PM	1, 4, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	2, 5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily	7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily
OZ626	4:20AM	7:55AM	1, 4, 5, 7	TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	Daily
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily	OZ625	9:25PM	2:55AM+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily	7C3405	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.							
FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022							
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1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun	3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily	3103	16:30	17:00	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM				GUAM TO ROTA			
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3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
SAIPAN TO TINIAN				TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
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Team Andersen conducts recovery operations after Typhoon Mawar

By **STAFF SGT. SUZANNA PLOTNIKOV**
36TH WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Typhoon Mawar, a Category 4 storm, ravaged Guam on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, and throughout the night causing destruction on the island. Since then, Andersen Air Force Base has been focused on recovery efforts, performing an initial damage assessment and restoring the base to mission-ready status and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all members of Team Andersen.

Airmen have been diligently working to restore power and water on base, clearing debris from the airfield so helping agencies can land with equipment to assist with restoration

efforts and supplies for members of Team Andersen and the island that are still without power and water.

"Thankfully no member of Team Andersen was seriously injured," said Brig. Gen. Paul Fast, 36th Wing commander. "Currently our top priority is sustaining life and ensuring the wellbeing of our members, but we are also prioritizing opening our airfield to bring in aid for the island."

Teams are assessing the damage around base but individuals are reminded to limit movement around the island and be safety conscious clearing debris from around their homes. Do not go underneath hanging items, avoid downed power



Airmen assigned to the 734th Air Mobility Squadron assist with cargo of Federal Emergency Management Agency personnel on Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, 26 May, 2023. FEMA personnel arrived to Guam to assist with Typhoon Mawar relief efforts.

U.S. AIR FORCE/STAFF SGT. DIVINE COX

lines and avoid damaged electrical cables.

Members are also advised to avoid beaches due to high levels of bacteria that may result in minor and more serious illnesses when being exposed to contaminated water such as sore throats, meningitis, encephalitis and severe gastroenteritis.

Team Andersen is working to get essential services reopened such as the Base Exchange, Commissary, fuel station and medical services.

"I'm proud of the hard work that our members are putting in to restore power and water and I'm especially proud of the resilience that Guam has shown in recovering from a natural disaster of this magnitude," said Fast.

USCG continues recovery efforts

By **CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER SARA MUIR**
U.S. COAST GUARD FORCES MICRONESIA / SECTOR GUAM

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia Sector Guam and associated unit crews continue efforts to manage their recovery and reconstitution operations in response to Typhoon Mawar.

The U.S. Coast Guard, under the regional Captain of the Port, established the incident management team on May 26, 2023, to oversee these efforts in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. As part of the Service's regular responsibilities, the U.S. Coast Guard is actively working toward reopening the ports and coordinating maritime response activities.

A U.S. Coast Guard HC-130 Hercules crew from Air Station Barber's Point, Hawaii, will deliver recovery supplies and 18 additional personnel on the evening of May 26 through coordination with partners at Andersen Air Force Base. Their arrival will significantly aid port recovery and pollution response assessments. The aircraft will transport a federal on-scene coordinator representative, a dive team, and boat crews from the Maritime Safety and Security Team Honolulu to supplement Station Apra Harbor. After landing on Saipan, the aircrew will stage there. We anticipate the arrival of a second Hercules airplane on May 27, which will bring additional personnel to support operations.

Station Apra Harbor successfully deployed its 45-foot and 29-foot response boats into the water at Sumay Cove. Crews aboard the 29-foot boat have been assessing and repairing the aids to navigation constellation in Apra Harbor.



U.S. COAST GUARD/SENIOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JEREMY JARVIS

U.S. Coast Guard Station Apra Harbor splashes their 45-foot Response Boat-Medium in Sumay Cove as U.S. Coast Guard crews in Guam continue assessments and reconstitution efforts on May 26, 2023, after Typhoon Mawar devastated the island.

The entrance to Apra Harbor is temporarily narrowed due to Buoy No. 2 being off-station by approximately 500 feet, marking the middle of the channel. Crews are actively working on a plan to relocate or mitigate the buoy's position. Visual checks of ATON in all harbors have been completed, with GPS position checks currently underway. Fortunately, the range boards on Saipan and Tinian remain unaffected. USCGC *Sequoia* (WLB 215) crews repaired the Guam range boards, including Polaris Point and Outer Apra Harbor. All range boards are now repaired, and all Outer Apra Harbor buoys are in good condition.

U.S. Coast Guard teams continue to work with port

partners to conduct pollution and damage assessments related to the commercial port piers, three barges, two mobile crane barges, and a derelict vessel previously reported to have broken free during the storm and grounded in Piti Channel. Although the Piti Channel ATON buoys are missing, they do not significantly limit operations. The dry dock at Cabras remains partially submerged near Pier F3, but the Cabras Island Channel in the commercial port appears clear of significant debris. Assessments of the affected barges and vessels are in progress, and crews do not anticipate them hindering the port's reopening.

To ensure the safety of the

waterways, divers will use side-scan sonar equipment to survey the channels and piers, ensuring that no items in the water pose a threat before reopening. Crews are actively coordinating with vessels awaiting arrival in Guam to make deliveries and manage potential arrivals once the port is open. It is important to note that the ports on Saipan and Tinian are open as of 4pm.

Personnel at District 14 in Honolulu maintained the watch through the storm, and U.S. Coast Guard Forces Micronesia Sector Guam's Joint Rescue Sub-Center is now resuming that watch. The Mt. Alutom Rescue 21 tower is operating on generator power while crews work on repairs for the Merizo tower. However, cellular service remains limited, and anyone work-

ing on the water is strongly encouraged to use VHF FM radios.

Regrettably, the U.S. Coast Guard received reports from Guam Fire regarding two incidents involving missing swimmers. In one case, a swimmer who attempted to swim off Alupang Island before the storm remains unaccounted for despite search efforts by Guam Fire Department responders. GFD also reported missing swimmers near Agat Marina; one remains missing, with five individuals either successfully rescued or returning to shore. Guam Fire will have the most up-to-date information on these ongoing cases.

Responders strongly urge the public to avoid entering the water due to hazardous conditions. Despite its attractiveness due to the heat and lack of

power or air conditioning, the water conditions remain dangerous with rip currents and high surf. Bacteria levels in many areas may be extremely high, and debris in the water poses additional risks. At this stage, our response capabilities are limited, and allowing first responders to focus on fully reestablishing services by minimizing unnecessary search and rescue operations would be greatly appreciated.

We will continue to provide updates as the situation develops, and crews appreciate the cooperation and understanding of the community during this challenging recovery process. The Joint Information Center can be reached for broader updates at +1 (671) 478-0208/09/10, and island-wide updates are posted to <https://ghs.guam.gov>.

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Business

Docomo sustains no major damage to most Guam cell sites

TAMUNING, Guam—Docomo Pacific, the regional leader in innovation, telecommunications, and entertainment, said the majority of their cell sites in Guam did not suffer major damage due to Typhoon Mawar.

Docomo Pacific said the primary issue at this time is getting island power restored to the sites.

"We are working closely with Guam Power Authority as they restore services. When an area has been re-energized, our team will move quickly to restore service in those areas. In the meantime, we have deployed generators at strategic sites to maximize coverage, and to ensure a stable power supply for as many mobile sites as possible. Because our critical facilities and cell sites are currently relying on generators, we are in close discussions with Guam Homeland Security and GovGuam to add Docomo Pacific rapid response teams to the list of essential services for vehicle, facility, and generator refueling," it said in a statement.

To Docomo Pacific's customers in the southern villages of Guam, the company's initial assessments show that their fiber network supporting several sites sustained storm damage.

"This means that even if we were to power these sites



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Docomo Pacific crew are hard at work to restore services in Guam after the U.S. territory was pummeled by Typhoon Mawar last week.

with a portable generator, there is no connectivity at this time. This is on our list of high priorities and will keep you updated on our progress."

For fixed services (home/business internet, landlines, and cable TV), Docomo Pacific said they're prioritizing getting their Mobile Network

up and running to keep customers connected.

"We are prioritizing restoration to public safety and health care facilities. Once these are restored, we will proceed quickly to restore fixed services. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding."

During the recovery pe-

riod following the onslaught of Mawar, Docomo Pacific said there would be no disconnections, no data caps, and load-free prepaid service to all their subscribers.

"We're here to help. It's all about staying connected. No disconnections until further notice. We got you covered. No data caps for all our mobile data customers. Prepaid customers, we've got you covered too! Stay connected even without load."

Docomo is a wholly owned subsidiary of NTT DCOMO, Japan's leading mobile operator. Headquartered in Tamuning, Guam, Docomo Pacific is the largest provider of personal, residential, enterprise connectivity and entertainment services in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands. The company is the seven-time winner of Best of The Pacific. Docomo Pacific is dedicated to bringing you

and your family closer to the things that matter most. Get to know more about what makes us "Better Together" at www.docomopacific.com.

"We appreciate your patience and understanding during this outage period. Our hardworking technol-

ogy crews have been out of the field non-stop since the morning after Typhoon Mawar hit on May 25. Since that time, island-wide assessments have been ongoing in Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Rota," said Docomo Pacific. **(PR)**



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bank of Hawaii's Harmon Branch reopens May 27

Following Super Typhoon Mawar, Bank of Hawaii reopened its Harmon Branch on Guam last May 27, from 9am to 1pm.

Given the power outages across the West Pacific region, some Bank of Hawaii ATMs on Guam and Saipan are not functioning. For a current list of ATMs that are operating on Guam and Saipan, please visit the Bank of Hawaii's website at: <https://www.boh.com/mawar>.

Call Center operations remain open to assist customers. West Pacific region customers may continue to contact Bank of Hawaii through its Call Center at 1-877-553-2424 for Guam and Saipan. Bank of Hawaii's Call Center on Guam will be automatically re-routed to Hawaii.

Online and mobile banking services will continue to operate unless power interruptions are experienced. Bank of Hawaii will also place public updates on all of its social media platforms (Facebook: www.facebook.com/bankofhawaii, Instagram: www.instagram.com/bankofhawaii and Twitter: www.twitter.com/bankofhawaii, as well as its website: www.boh.com). **(PR)**

Bank of Guam opens Yigo branch last Saturday

Bank of Guam opened their Yigo Branch last Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9am to 1pm for check cashing and withdrawals.

Bank of Guam continues their efforts to restore their ATM network and Familia Contact Center.

For the latest updates on Bank of Guam operations, follow @bankofguam on Facebook and Instagram or visit bankofguam.com. **(PR)**

Bank of Guam reopens Garapan and Tinian branches

Effective Friday, May 26, 2023, Bank of Guam branches in Garapan and Tinian resumed normal operating hours with limited transactions.

Bank of Guam continues their efforts to restore their ATM network, Online Banking platform, and Familia Contact Center.

"Like many of you, our Bank of Guam Familia has been hit hard. We are trying our hardest to restore services and connect with our teams so we can reopen our Guam branch network soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding, we will get there Guam!" said Bank of Guam president and CEO Joaquin P. L.G. Cook.

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Bank of Hawaii's Hagatna branch to reopen on Tuesday, May 30

Hagatna and Harmon Branches to resume normal operating hours following Monday holiday

Following Super Typhoon Mawar, Bank of Hawaii is planning to reopen its Hagatna Branch on Guam for normal operating hours starting on Tuesday, May 30:

■ Weekdays: 9am-4pm

■ Saturdays: 9am-1pm

■ Sundays: closed

Bank of Hawaii's Harmon Branch reopened for operations on Saturday, May 27, from 9am to 1pm and will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, May 30, as well.

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Teen workers in high demand for summer, commanding better pay

BOSTON (AP)—Teens have long been vital to filling out the summertime staffs of restaurants, ice cream stands, amusement parks and camps.

Now, thanks to one of the tightest labor markets in decades, they have even more sway, with an array of jobs to choose from at ever higher wages.

To ease the labor crunch, some states are moving to roll back restrictions to let teens work more hours and, in some cases, more hazardous jobs — much to the chagrin of labor rights groups, who see it as a troubling trend.

Economists say there are other ways to expand the workforce without putting more of a burden on kids, including by allowing more legal immigration.

SEEKING TEEN WORKERS

At Funtown Splashtown USA, an amusement park in southern Maine, teens play a critical role in keeping the attractions open, which isn't as easy as it used to be.

General Manager Cory Hutchinson anticipates hiring

about 350 workers this summer, including many local high schoolers, compared with more than 500 in past summers.

"We literally do not have enough people to staff the place seven days a week and into the evenings," he said. This summer, Funtown Splashtown will only be open six days a week, and will close at 6 p.m., instead of 9 p.m.

In April, nearly 34% of Americans aged 16 to 19 had jobs, according to government data. That compares with 30% four years ago, the last pre-pandemic summer.

More jobs are available for those who want them: There are roughly 1.6 jobs open for every person that is unemployed, according to the Labor Department. In normal times, that ratio is about 1:1.

At RideAway Adventures on Cape Cod, which offers kayak, bike and paddleboard rentals and tours, finding enough teen workers hasn't been a challenge. Owner Mike Morrison chalks it up to the fact that RideAway is a desirable place to work compared with other options.

"They're not washing dishes and they get to be outside and active," Morrison said.

Plus, while he typically starts off new teen hires at \$15 an hour, the state's minimum wage, he will bump up the pay of hard workers by as much as 50 cents per hour toward the end of July to help keep them through the end of summer.

CHOOSIER TEENS

Maxen Lucas, a graduating senior at Lincoln Academy in Maine, had his first job at 15 as a summer camp dishwasher, followed by a stint as a grocery bagger before getting into landscaping. He said young workers can be choosier now.

"After COVID settled down, everyone was being paid more," said the 18-year-old from Nobleboro who'll head off to Maine Maritime Academy this fall.

Indeed, hourly pay jumped about 5% in April from a year ago at restaurants, retailers and amusement parks, the industries likely to employ teens. Before the pandemic, pay in these industries typically rose no more than 3% annually.

Nation

Biden, GOP reach tentative deal to increase debt ceiling



House Speaker Kevin McCarthy of Calif., speaks during a news conference after President Joe Biden and McCarthy reached an "agreement in principle" to resolve the looming debt crisis on Saturday, May 27, 2023, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy reached an "agreement in principle" to raise the nation's legal debt ceiling late Saturday as they raced to strike a deal to limit federal spending and avert a potentially disastrous U.S. default.

However, the agreement risks angering both Democratic and Republican sides with the concessions made to compromise. Negotiators agreed to some Republican demands for increased work requirements for recipients of food stamps that had sparked an uproar from House Democrats as a nonstarter.

Support from both parties will be needed to win congressional approval next week before the government's projected June 5 debt default.

The Democratic president and Republican speaker reached the agreement after

the two spoke earlier Saturday evening by phone. The country and the world have been watching and waiting for a resolution to a political standoff that threatened the U.S. and global economies.

"The agreement represents a compromise, which means not everyone gets what they want," Biden said in a statement late Saturday night. "That's the responsibility of governing," he said.

Biden called the agreement "good news for the American people, because it prevents what could have been a catastrophic default and would have led to an economic recession, retirement accounts devastated, and millions of jobs lost."

McCarthy in brief remarks at the Capitol said that "we still have a lot of work to do."

But the Republican speaker said: "I believe this is an agreement in principle that's worthy

of the American people."

With the outlines of a deal in place, the legislative package could be drafted and shared with lawmakers in time for House votes as soon as Wednesday, and later in the Senate.

Central to the package is a two-year budget deal that would hold spending flat for 2024 and increase it by 1% for 2025 in exchange for raising the debt limit for two years, pushing the volatile political issue past the next presidential election.

Driving hard for a deal to impose tougher work requirements on government aid recipients, Republicans achieved some but not all of what they wanted. The agreement would raise the age for existing work requirements on able-bodied adults without children from 49 to 54, but Biden was able to secure waivers for veterans and the homeless.

GOP-controlled Texas House impeaches Republican AG

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Texas' Republican-led House of Representatives impeached state Attorney General Ken Paxton on Saturday on articles including bribery and abuse of public trust, a sudden, historic rebuke of a GOP official who rose to be a star of the conservative legal movement despite years of scandal and alleged crimes.

Impeachment triggers Paxton's immediate suspension from office pending the outcome of a trial in the state Senate and empowers Republican Gov. Greg Abbott to appoint someone else as Texas' top lawyer in the interim.

The 121-23 vote constitutes an abrupt downfall for one of the GOP's most prominent legal combatants, who in

2020 asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn President Joe Biden's electoral defeat of Donald Trump. It makes Paxton only the third sitting official in Texas' nearly 200-year history to have been impeached.

Paxton, 60, decried the move moments after scores of his fellow partisans voted for impeachment, and his office pointed to internal reports that found no wrongdoing.

"The ugly spectacle in the Texas House today confirmed the outrageous impeachment plot against me was never meant to be fair or just," Paxton said. "It was a politically motivated sham from the beginning."

Paxton has been under FBI investigation for years over accusations that he used his of-

fice to help a donor and was separately indicted on securities fraud charges in 2015, though he has yet to stand trial. His party had long taken a muted stance on the allegations — but that changed this week as 60 of the House's 85 Republicans, including Speaker Dade Phelan, voted to impeach.

"No one person should be above the law, least not the top law officer of the state of Texas," Rep. David Spiller, a Republican member of the committee that investigated Paxton, said in opening statements. Another Republican committee member, Rep. Charlie Geren, said without elaborating that Paxton had called some lawmakers before the vote and threatened them with political "consequences."

World

Russia says border regions attacked

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Russia's southern Belgorod region bordering Ukraine came under attack Friday from Ukrainian artillery fire, mortar shells and drones, authorities said, hours after two drones struck a Russian city in an area next to the annexed Crimea Peninsula.

Moscow's forces, meanwhile, struck a building containing psychology and veterinary clinics in the city of Dnipro, in central Ukraine, killing two people and wounding 30, including two children, Ukrainian officials said.

Video released by regional Gov. Serhiy Lysak showed fire engulfing the three-story building that appeared almost destroyed, with only parts of a wall standing, as firefighters battled the flames.

A Russian S-300 missile hit a dam in the Karlivka district of Donetsk province in eastern Ukraine, threatening nearby settlements with flooding.

The town of Graivoron in Russia's Belgorod region, about 7 kilometers (more than 4 miles) from the Ukrainian border, came under fire for several hours, damaging four houses, a store, a car, a gas pipeline

and a power line, Gov. Vyacheslav Gladkov reported.

Closer to the frontier, a recreation center, a shop and an empty house were damaged in the village of Glotovo. One woman was wounded when nearby Novaya Tavorzhanka was shelled, Gladkov said.

Earlier this week, the Belgorod region was the target of one of the most serious cross-border attacks from Ukraine since the war began 15 months ago. Details of the raid were murky. Russia blamed the Ukrainian armed forces, but two Russian groups said they were involved, with the aim of bringing down Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Officials in Russia's southern city of Krasnodar, in the region of the same name bordering Crimea, said two drones struck there. Witnesses told local media they heard something like the sound of a moped and then two explosions.

The blasts smashed a hole in the roof of one building and blew out windows in an apartment building.

"We just went to bed and then there was such a strong, terrible boom," said resident Tatiana Safonova. "We ran

outside. There were people running, but nothing else was going on."

She said described the sound beforehand "like a growling, noisy moped driving by."

Krasnodar regional Gov. Veniamin Kondratyev wrote on Telegram that there were no casualties and that some buildings were damaged but essential infrastructure was unharmed.

Krasnodar Mayor Yevgeny Naumov said a residential building and an office building were damaged.

Drone attacks against Russian border regions have been a regular occurrence since the start of the invasion in February 2022, with attacks increasing last month. Earlier this month, an oil refinery in Krasnodar was attacked by drones on two straight days.

At a meeting in Estonia, German and Baltic leaders played down concerns about fighting spilling over into Russia.

"Russia attacked Ukraine, and so Ukraine can defend itself," said German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. "It is clear that the weapons we have delivered will only be used on Ukrainian territory."

Serbian border troops to maintain highest state of alert

BELGRADE, Serbia (AP)—Serbia on Saturday condemned NATO-led peacekeepers stationed in neighboring Kosovo for their alleged failure to stop "brutal actions" by Kosovo police against ethnic Serbs, and said that its armed forces stationed near the border will remain on the highest state of alert until further notice.

Serbia's top political and security leadership, led by President Aleksandar Vucic, met in Belgrade on Saturday following violent clashes a day earlier between Kosovo police and ethnic Serbs that injured more than a dozen people.

In response to the clashes, Vucic on Friday ordered troops closer to the border with Kosovo.

"Due to the brutal use of force by (Kosovo Prime Minister) Albin Kurti and his forces against the Serbian people in Kosovo ... the armed forces of the Republic of Serbia will remain at the highest level of combat readiness," said a statement after the meeting of the top Serbian leadership on Saturday.

The statement also said that an international civilian mission and NATO-led troops, that have been stationed in

the former Serbian province since Serbian troops were forced to leave the region in 1999, "did not do their job" to protect the Serbs.

NATO spokesperson Oana Longescu urged "institutions in Kosovo to de-escalate immediately" and called on all parties "to resolve the situation through dialogue."

She said on Twitter that NATO "remains vigilant & will ensure a safe & secure environment" in Kosovo.

Ethnic Serbs in northern Kosovo, who are a majority in that part of the country, had tried to block recently elected ethnic Albanian officials from entering municipal buildings on Friday. Last month's snap local election was largely boycotted by ethnic Serbs and only ethnic Albanian or other smaller minority representatives were elected in the mayoral posts and assemblies.

Serb politicians in northern Kosovo on Saturday called on Serbia to suspend its participation in talks mediated by the European Union and aimed at normalizing relations between the former war foes. Kosovo politician Goran Rakic said that "we consider any further negotiations with

Pristina completely illogical and also counterproductive."

Kosovo police fired tear gas to disperse the crowd and let the new officials into the offices. Several cars were set ablaze.

The United States and several Western countries condemned Kosovo's government for using police to forcibly allow entry to the municipal buildings. Kosovo Prime Minister Kurti on Saturday defended the police action.

"It is the right of those elected in democratic elections to assume office without threats or intimidation," Kurti said on Twitter. "It is also the right of citizens to be served by those elected officials. Participation — not violent obstruction — is the proper way to express political views in a democracy."

This is not the first time that Vucic has warned that Belgrade would respond to violence against Serbs, and he has stepped up combat readiness several times during moments of tension with Kosovo. However, any attempt by Serbia to send its troops over the border would mean a clash with NATO troops stationed there.

Health & Wellness

Ready to run: What are some signs of overtraining?

By JOEL LUEDKE
MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK

We're surrounded by warning signs on roads, at work, and on packaging and equipment. Your body sends warning signs too. As your race date nears, it's tempting to pull out all the stops in your training. That makes this a prime time to watch for warning signs of overtraining.

Overtraining or overuse injuries are any muscle or joint injuries, such as tendinitis or a stress fracture, that result from repetitive trauma. Overuse injuries typically occur because of training or technique errors.

Runners are tenacious athletes. When you dramatically increase your training intensity, don't ignore your body's warning signs. Pulling back and slowing down may be tough. While some overtraining issues can be resolved with simple rest, others may evolve into more significant problems.

How overtraining and overuse injuries occur

Going too fast, exercising for too long or simply doing too much of one type of activity can strain your muscles and lead to an overuse injury. Improper technique also takes a toll on your body. For example, if you use poor form while running or doing strength

training exercises, you may overload certain muscles and cause an overuse injury.

Thankfully, most overuse injuries are avoidable. Try these suggestions to prevent them:

- Use proper form and gear. Whether you're starting a new activity or have been playing a sport for a long time, taking lessons can help ensure you're using the correct technique. Talk with an expert about proper form, equipment and gear fit to help ensure success.

- Pace yourself. Rely on your training program, which should be spreading your aerobic activity throughout the week. Take time to warm up before physical activity and cool down afterward.

- Gradually increase your activity level. When changing the intensity or duration of physical activity, do so gradually. Try not to increase anything by more than about 10% per week. Your body needs time to adapt to the new stress.

- Mix up your routine. Instead of focusing on one type of exercise, build variety into your training program. Doing a variety of low-impact activities prevents overuse injuries by allowing your body to use different muscle groups.

Overtraining signs and what to do



Overtraining or overuse injuries are any muscle or joint injuries, such as tendinitis or a stress fracture, that result from repetitive trauma.

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It can be hard to know when you're pushing through your training for continuous improvement and when you're moving into overtraining. Focusing on your diet, hydration and sleep can help you figure out what your body is telling you. If you don't recover after two to three days of little or no activity, it may be time to

look further.

Your feet and legs take a pounding as you run mile after mile, so watch for these issues:

- Callous blistering and broken toenails are common overtraining problems.

- Early morning pain on the sole of your foot can be a sign of plantar fasciitis.

- Tendinitis can leave you

with pain in the back of your ankle or in the front of your shins, also called shin splints.

These typically can be treated with rest and medication to relieve pain and inflammation. Slow down your training. Return to the level you were at before the problem or consider cross-training with low- or no-impact exercise, such as a stationary bike, elliptical or swimming. Take an extra day off. These symptoms can be short-term if you treat them early and appropriately.

If pain continues despite rest or gets worse, it could indicate a bone issue, which potentially is serious. Stress reactions or stress fractures are common in the mid-foot, mid-shin or, most concerning, high up in your leg by your hip. Pain that doesn't go away is a symptom, so consult your health care team.

What to do if you suspect an overuse injury

Tell your health care team if you've recently changed your workout technique, intensity, duration, frequency or types of exercises. Identifying the

cause of your overuse injury will help you correct the problem and avoid repeating it. You can seek further guidance by talking with specialists, such as sports medicine physicians, athletic trainers and physical therapists.

Once your injury has healed, ask your health care team to check that you've completely regained strength, motion, flexibility and balance before beginning the activity again. Pay special attention to proper technique to avoid future injuries.

Staying strong

Don't allow an overuse injury to prevent you from being physically active. By working with your health care team, listening to your body and pacing yourself, you can avoid this common setback and safely increase your activity level.

Knowing you worked hard to prepare will add to your feeling of accomplishment on race day, but don't overdo it. You're almost there. Take care of yourself so you can keep going strong all the way to the finish line.

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MAYO CLINIC Q&A

Binge-eating disorders

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: My niece is living in my home while she is attending college. I've invited her to eat meals with our family, but she typically declines, desiring to eat alone in her room. I'm concerned because she often seems to eat a lot of food at one time, like two sandwiches with two bags of chips or a quart of ice cream. Could this be a sign of an eating disorder? If so, what can I do to help her?

ANSWER: Most people eat too much occasionally. They may fill up an extra plate with seconds at a special event, enjoy another piece of pie at a holiday gathering or eat popcorn until stuffed at the movies. There's no reason to be concerned if this happens occasionally.

But, for some people, overeating can become excessive. It is possible that your niece is suffering from a binge-eating disorder if her excessive eating habits feel out of control and happen on a regular basis. It's the most common eating disorder in the U.S.

People with a binge-eating disorder may feel embarrassed about overeating but have a strong, compulsive urge to continue eating. Like your niece, they often eat alone or in secret because they feel ashamed or guilty about their eating.

Binge-eating disorder is more common in women than in men. People of any age can have binge-eating disorder, but it is most common in younger and middle-aged people. The average age when it first occurs is about 25 years old. A person's size doesn't increase their risk, as the disorder can affect people who are underweight, overweight or at an average weight.

Many people who have a binge-eating disorder have a long history of dieting. They have tried and failed many diets and may have poor body image as a result. While dieting, they restrict calories or specific foods for a while, but then are triggered to binge eat. It's also more common in people who have depression, have a high level of stress in their lives or use food to cover intense emotions.

There are many signs of a binge-eating disorder. Mainly, it's distinguished by a regular occurrence of eating more food than most other people would in a similar situation. Other signs to watch for in your niece include:

- Eating unusually large amounts of food in a specific amount

of time, such as over a two-hour period.

- Feeling that eating behavior is out of control.

- Eating even when full or not hungry.

- Eating rapidly during binge episodes.

- Eating until uncomfortably full.

- Frequently eating alone or in secret.

- Feeling depressed, disgusted, ashamed, guilty or upset about eating.

- Frequently dieting, possibly without weight loss.

Often, people with binge-eating disorders have become experts at hiding their eating behaviors. They may deny there is an issue or lie about the amount of food they eat.

Binge-eating can lead to obesity, joint problems, heart disease, Type 2 diabetes and sleep apnea. It can be difficult to function in social settings, and the person may isolate or withdraw from others. This can increase anxiety, depression and substance use disorders.

Overcoming any eating disorder is a challenge because people can't avoid food or social situations that include food during recovery. Your niece's body needs food to survive and thrive. Yet, recovery is possible, and many people overcome binge eating completely.

Treatment needs to address the emotions tied to binge eating, including shame and poor self-image. Relapse is likely until these are tackled, and professional help usually is necessary. A combination of cognitive behavioral therapy and medications, such as antidepressants, can help your niece cope with triggers, negative body image and depression. These treatments can regain a sense of control over behaviors and improve stress management skills.

At the same time, a dietitian can work with her to reframe her relationships with food, ensure she is getting the right balance of nutrients, help develop meal plans and offer support for navigating social events that involve food.

Binge-eating disorders are serious, but full recovery is possible with professional treatment. I encourage you to talk with your niece and her parents about your concerns and offer to help her get the care she needs.

Romi Londre, R.D.N., Clinical Nutrition, Mayo Clinic Health System, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Healthy Living

Cut the salt

To reduce salt in your diet, choose fresh rather than packaged foods, and use herbs and spices instead of salty flavorings.

How salt gets into food

77% Added to processed, baked, preserved and packaged foods

12% Occurs naturally in foods

11% Added to foods before eating; salty snacks, condiments

Source: Mayo Clinic,
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Life & Style

IN THIRD TIME A WOMAN WINS TOP HONOR

‘Anatomy of a Fall’ wins Cannes Film Festival’s Palme d’Or

By JAKE COYLE
AP FILM WRITER

Justine Triet’s “Anatomy of a Fall” won the Palme d’Or at the 76th Cannes Film Festival in a ceremony Saturday that bestowed the festival’s prestigious top prize on an engrossing, rigorously plotted French courtroom drama that puts a marriage on trial.

“Anatomy of a Fall,” which stars Sandra Hüller as a writer trying to prove her innocence in her husband’s death, is only the third film directed by a woman to win the Palme d’Or. One of the two previous winners, Julia Ducournau, was on this year’s jury.

Cannes’ Grand Prix, its second prize, went to Jonathan Glazer’s “The Zone of Interest,” a chilling Martin Amis adaptation about a German family living next door to Auschwitz. Hüller also stars in that film.

The awards were decided

by a jury presided over by two-time Palme winner Ruben Östlund, the Swedish director who won the prize last year for “Triangle of Sadness.” The ceremony preceded the festival’s closing night film, the Pixar animation “Elemental.”

Remarkably, the award for “Anatomy of a Fall” gives the indie distributor Neon its fourth straight Palme winners. Neon, which acquired the film after its premiere in Cannes, also backed “Triangle of Sadness,” Ducournau’s “Titane” and Bong Joon Ho’s “Parasite,” which it steered to a best picture win at the Academy Awards.

Triet was presented the Palme by Jane Fonda, who recalled coming to Cannes in 1963 when, she said, there were no female filmmakers competing “and it never even occurred to us that there was something wrong with that.” This year, a record seven out

of the 21 films in competition at Cannes were directed by women.

After a rousing standing ovation, Triet, the 44-year-old French filmmaker, spoke passionately about the protests that have roiled France this year over reforms to pension plans and the retirement age. Several protests were held during Cannes this year, but demonstrations were—as they have been in many high-profile locations throughout France—banned from the area around the Palais des Festivals. Protesters were largely relegated to the outskirts of Cannes.

“The protests were denied and repressed in a shocking way,” said Triet, who linked that governmental influence to that in cinema. “The merchandizing of culture, defended by a liberal government, is breaking the French cultural exception.”

“This award is dedicated to



Justine Triet, winner of the Palme d’Or for ‘Anatomy of a Fall,’ poses for photographers during a photo call following the awards ceremony at the 76th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 27, 2023.

all the young women directors and all the young male directors and all those who cannot manage to shoot films today,” she added. “We must give them the space I occupied 15 years ago in a less hostile world where it was still possible to make mistakes and start again.”

After the ceremony, Triet reflected on being the third female director to win the Palme, following Ducournau and Jane Campion (“The Piano”).

“Things are truly changing,” she said.

Speaking to reporters, Triet was joined by her star, Hüller, whose performance was arguably the most acclaimed of the festival. (The festival encourages juries not to give films more than one award.)

But “Anatomy of a Fall” did pocket one other sought-after prize: the Palme Dog. The honor given to the best canine in the festival’s films went to the film’s border collie, Snoop.

The jury prize went to Finnish director Aki Kaurismäki’s “Fallen Leaves,” a deadpan love story about a romance that blooms in a loveless workaday Helsinki where dispatches from the war in Ukraine regularly play on the radio.

Best actor went to veteran Japanese star Koji Yakusho, who plays a reflective, middle-aged Tokyo man who cleans toilets in Wim Wenders’ “Perfect Days,” a gentle, quotidian character study.

The Turkish actor Merve Dizdar took best actress for the Nuri Bilge Ceylan’s “About

Dry Grasses.” Ceylan’s expansive tale is set in snowy eastern Anatolia about a teacher, Samet (Deniz Celiloğlu), accused of misconduct by a young female student. Dizdar plays a friend both attracted and repelled by Samet.

“I understand what it’s like to be a woman in this area of the country,” said Dizdar. “I would like to dedicate this prize to all the women who are fighting to exist and overcome difficulties in this world and to restrain hope.”

Vietnamese-French director Trần Anh Hùng took best director for “Pot-au-Feu,” a lush, foodie love story starring Juliette Binoche and Benoît Magimel and set in a 19th century French gourmet château.

Céline Dion cancels European concerts

Céline Dion has canceled all her scheduled tour dates through April 2024 as she continues treatment for a rare neurological disorder.

“I’m so sorry to disappoint all of you once again,” the singer said in a statement on social media. “I’m working really hard to build back my strength, but touring can be very difficult even when you’re 100%. It’s not fair to you to keep postponing the shows, and even though it breaks my heart, it’s best that we cancel everything now until I’m really ready to be back on stage again.

A total of 42 European dates have been canceled, including stops in the Netherlands, France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Croatia, Germany, Hungary, Austria, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Earlier this year, Dion said stiff person syndrome was causing spasms that affect her ability to walk and sing.

“Unfortunately, the spasms affect every aspect of my daily life, sometimes causing difficulties when I walk and not allowing me to use my

vocal cords to sing the way I’m used to,” she said.

Stiff person syndrome causes rigid muscles and painful muscle spasms, which can be triggered by such things as loud noises or light touch. The cause isn’t known, but it is thought to be an autoimmune disorder. Severe cases can cause difficulty walking and hunched posture.

Dion, who has five Grammy Awards and two Academy Awards, is the bestselling female artist of all time with hits like “I’m Alive” and “My Heart Will Go On.” (AP)

Daughter gets an eyeful when she drops in on mom

DEAR ABBY: My mother is 90 and has been a widow for 10 years. When we moved to this city 30 years ago, my parents made friends with a group of people. In this group was a couple nobody in our family liked (Dad especially), but Mom remained friends with them. Abby, the husband is a smarmy narcissist.

A couple of weeks ago, I went into my mom’s house (not unannounced) and found my mom in bed with this man. I can’t describe the revulsion I felt. My problem is, I don’t know how complicit my mom is, or whether he has been grooming her over the years and is abusing her. That was my initial thought because he tried it with me many years ago.

Mom tried to cover up what was going on (“He was fixing the blinds”), but I can’t unsee what I saw. I don’t know if she lied because she’s complicit or afraid. How do I handle this? I haven’t spoken to Mom since, except to voice my disgust the next day.

DISGUSTED DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA

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DEAR DAUGHTER: Resume talking to your mother. The fact that her lover came on to you years ago is the reason you are concerned about her welfare. That said, you are not the morality police; at 90, your mother deserves to have a sex life if she chooses.

DEAR ABBY: There’s this guy I’ve been friends with since ninth grade whom I have always had a crush on. We talk, and he’s a funny and nice guy, but he gives me mixed signals. He’s shy and not overly affectionate. He doesn’t go to parties or events like that. I want to make a move, but I’m afraid if I do, I’ll creep him out.

I want to respect his privacy and boundaries, but I also don’t want to miss out on a chance to get to know him more. I have made it my goal to get to know him as a friend and classmate before trying to get to know him romantically. I feel a connection to him, unlike previous crushes or relationships I have had.

My mom keeps telling me I’m too young to tie myself down to a guy (I’m 17) and to keep my options open, but I feel content with him, and I’ve never felt as much in common with anyone the way I do with him. My friends sometimes laugh at the idea that I like him, but even under all his introverted reclusiveness, I see an amazing human being and a wonderful guy. Any advice?
CRUSHING HARD IN MARYLAND

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DEAR CRUSHING: I’m glad you are taking this slowly because it may take some time for this person to develop romantic feelings for you (or anyone). Keep talking and joking with him. If an event comes up, consider asking him to join you AND YOUR OTHER FRIENDS. If he re-

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sponds positively, keep doing it, and slowly he may come around. I wish you luck.

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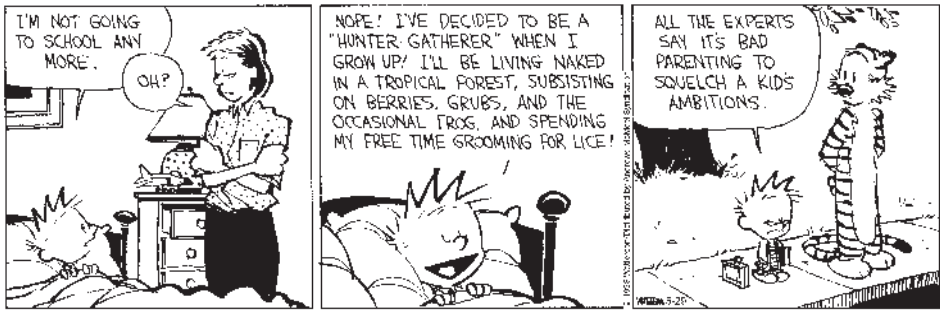
DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I would like to add my own prayer of thanks for those courageous men and women who have sacrificed their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace.—LOVE, ABBY

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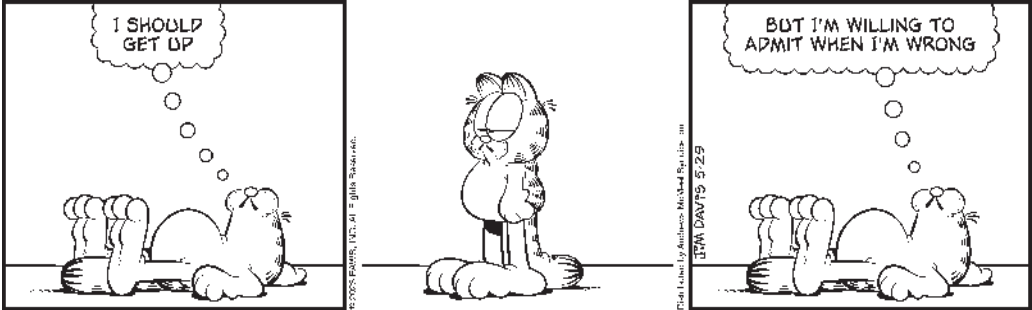
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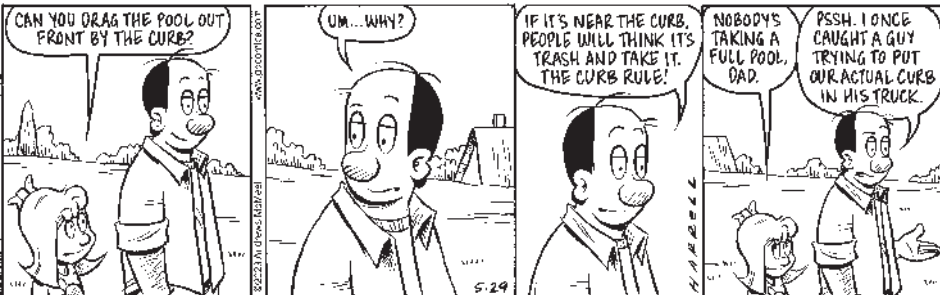
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Riley Keough, 34; Melanie Brown, 48; Rupert Everett, 64; Annette Bening, 65.

Happy Birthday: Take the initiative to finish what you start this year. How you approach life, love and happiness will make a statement about who you are and what you want. Transparency will make it difficult for anyone to mess with you. Show those watching what you can do, and leave no room for error. Think outside the box and do things your way. Your number are 5, 16, 22, 27, 31, 40, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan your day wisely. A tight schedule executed with precision will help you maximize your skills, time and use of money. Don't underestimate your ability to surpass expectations. Shoot for the stars and enjoy the rewards that come your way. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep your plans simple and within budget. A serious attitude will help you gain respect and hands-on help. Don't be fooled by someone trying to take advantage of you. Keep your ideas a secret until you are ready to launch your plans. ★★★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A variety of skills will be required to handle matters appropriately. Take requests seriously to avoid the ramifications of not living up to promises. Be honest and demand the same in return. Question anyone asking for too much. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Rearrange your living space to suit your needs; it will uplift you and ease stress. Approach each pursuit or challenge using your imagination and resourcefulness; you'll come out on top. A compliment will boost your confidence. Romance is favored. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer assistance and positive input, and you'll impress someone who can help you advance. Don't hold back when you have something to share. Be the one to make a difference, and doors will open. A generous spirit leads to hope and happiness. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll get the backup you require if you share information and offer solutions based on common sense, experience and skills. Travel, educational pursuits and communication will get you where you want to go. Romance will lead to a unique opportunity. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Shake off any negativity that comes your way and replace it with a fresh start that allows you to do your own thing. Uncover information that will help make your next move or venture easy to accommodate. Preparation will help you rise to the top. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't get angry; following your heart will take you to your happy place. Personal growth and physical improvements are favored. A change of plans will open the door to new possibilities. Say yes to a unique experience or connection. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your energy into getting ahead. How you use your money and skills will determine your success. A promising partnership could lead to a lucrative future if you compromise. Use your intuition regarding home and financial matters. ★★★★★

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to let arguments erupt when positive action opens doors. Take time to enjoy your friends and colleagues. Mix business with pleasure, and you'll make progress. Do something special for someone you love. Romance will bring you closer to someone special. ★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Pay attention to your surroundings and make alterations that will lower your overhead. Keep your focus on what's important to you. A move, home improvement or heart-to-heart talk with someone close to you will ease stress and improve your life. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mull over your options and make your move. Protect what you've got, and focus on what you want. Make intelligent decisions, distance yourself from negative people and pursue your dreams uniquely or fashionably. ★★★

Birthday Baby: You are energetic, bighearted and flexible. You are astute and proactive.

★: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★★: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★★: Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Friday's Answer

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HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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White's putback as time expires lifts Celtics past Heat

MIAMI (AP)—The Boston Celtics were a tenth of a second away from elimination. The Miami Heat were a tenth of a second from the NBA Finals.

Derrick White owned that final moment.

White scored on a putback as time expired and the Boston Celtics moved to the brink of the greatest comeback in NBA playoffs history, holding off the Miami Heat 104-103 on Saturday night to force a Game 7 in the Eastern Conference finals.

"Derrick White, like a flash of lightning, just came out of nowhere and saved the day, man," Boston's Jaylen Brown said. "An incredible play."

White knew it was good. Referees reviewed it, but it didn't take long to give the official word.

Elation for Boston. Devastation for Miami.

"Ball came to me," White said. "I made the shot."

Perhaps Boston will call it The Shot.

White became the second player in NBA history to hit a buzzer-beater with his team trailing and facing elimination—Michael Jordan's "The Shot" for Chicago against Cleveland in 1989 being the other.

"I was just happy," White said. "Season was on the line. We don't want to go home."

Jayson Tatum scored 31 points, Brown scored 26 and Marcus Smart added 21 for the Celtics, who became only the fourth NBA team to erase a 3-0 deficit in a best-



Boston Celtics players celebrate after the Celtics beat the Miami Heat 104-103 during Game 6 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Saturday, May 27, 2023, in Miami. AP

of-seven series and force a deciding game. The others in that club — the 1951 New York Knicks in the NBA Finals, the 1994 Denver Nuggets in the second round and the 2003 Portland Trail Blazers in the first round — all lost Game 7, all on the road.

Boston, however, is going home for its shot at history. Game 7 is Monday night on the Celtics' floor, a matchup that'll decide who meets the Western Conference champi-

on Denver Nuggets in a title series that will start Thursday.

"It's a seven-game series," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "There's nothing better than Game 7s."

Jimmy Butler made three free throws with 3.0 seconds left—the foul was originally called with 2.1 seconds left; referees put 0.9 seconds back on after reviewing the play to see if it was a 3-point try that Al Horford fouled him on—for a one-point Heat lead. It

capped a Miami rally from 10 points down with less than 4 minutes remaining.

The Celtics had White inbound the ball on the game's final possession, and he passed to Smart—who missed a 3-pointer. But White sprinted from the inbound spot to the rim, the ball fell into his hands and he got the lay-in away just before time ran out to extend Boston's season.

There had been other

buzzer-beaters from players whose teams were facing an elimination game, but before Saturday, only Jordan's came with his team trailing.

Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla was asked what went through his mind at that moment.

"Nothing," Mazzulla said. "Game 7."

Butler scored 24 points and Caleb Martin had 21 for the Heat, who are trying to pull off their own improbable trek to the title series by being only the second No. 8 seed to make the NBA

Finals. They've now lost as many games this week — three—as they had in their first 14 playoff games this spring combined on the way to ousting No. 1 Milwaukee, then No. 5 New York and taking what was supposed to be an insurmountable 3-0 lead over the second-seeded Celtics.

"We've got to go on the road and do something special," Butler said. "But we've got a special group."

The Celtics have now won five of their last six East finals games in Miami — a stretch that includes a Game 7 over the Heat last season to reach the NBA Finals.

That one, obviously, ended the Heat season. At least this time, Miami still has a chance.

"I don't know how we're going to get this done, but we're going to go out there and get it done," Spoelstra said. "And that's what the next 48 hours is about. There's been nothing easy about this season for our group, and so we just have to do it the hard way."

The Heat are the 151st team to grab a 3-0 series lead in a best-of-seven. All 150 of the previous clubs finished the job. But the Celtics have made very clear that they have other ideas, and Mazzulla listed a lot of reasons why.

"Faith. Love. Togetherness. Physicality. Belief. Hope," Mazzulla said. "All those things combined. It starts with the locker room. Those guys had a choice to make and they chose to believe in each other."

Idle Nuggets hold light practice, await NBA Finals foe

DENVER (AP)—Denver Nuggets guard Bruce Brown has been using the long layoff before the start of the NBA Finals to work on his game—his golf game.

"First day of golf I played pretty well," Brown recounted. "The second day was terrible."

On Friday, it was back to the business of Brown hitting the shots he hits the best — jumpers — as the Nuggets returned to the court for a light practice. Game 1 of the franchise's first appearance in an NBA Finals is still nearly a week away and their opponent has yet to be determined, with Boston and Miami heading into Game 6 of its Eastern Conference finals series.

The rest has certainly been welcome. The rust, though, does become a concern.

"It's impossible to keep your rhythm if you're not playing games," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "You can do whatever you want in practice, but there's no way you can replicate playing

in an NBA playoff game."

The Nuggets celebrated sweeping the Los Angeles Lakers on the plane ride home. It bought them a day off Tuesday and an optional day Wednesday (although, quite a few players showed up). On Thursday, there were conditioning drills and individual drills before reassembling on the practice floor Friday. The intensity will pick up closer to the start of the series Thursday — and once they know who they're facing (the Heat lead 3-2 with the series shifting to Miami on Saturday).

"Right now, as I told our players, this is about us," Malone said. "We have to shore up who we are and address the areas that we have not been maybe good enough or areas that we can clean up."

Before the break, Nikola Jokic, guard Jamal Murray and the Nuggets were cruising along, too, turning in a 12-3 mark in the postseason. Murray's biggest piece of advice — keep practicing like

they expect to play.

"Don't pick up bad habits throughout this week," Murray said. "Just being able to stay locked in. You don't want to get relaxed. I think that's the biggest—we don't want to relax and just wait. We want to stay sharp."

Murray took the opportunity Thursday night to tune into the Stanley Cup playoffs. He watched the green team (his description of the Dallas Stars) knock off the white team (his description of the Vegas Golden Knights) in overtime during Game 4 of the Western Conference finals. He said the contest drove home an important lesson — to play with an intensity all game especially on defense.

"Our defense is being played with intent," Murray said. "We've all been on a string. When we need a stop, we all lock in, even if we don't get it, we lock in and try and get it possession-by-possession. I think that's crucial at this stage."

Same with maintaining a balance between hoops and home life. Malone said his family has helped keep him grounded.

"I can't go home and be in like Game 7 mindset, because my wife and kids would leave me," Malone said. "I have to force myself to take a deep breath and remind myself that I am a husband, I am a father and to be a part of my family."

This weekend, Malone may even play some pickleball—just to take his mind off a grinding series that lies ahead. It could be Jayson Tatum and the Celtics. Or Jimmy Butler and the Heat, the eight seed that made it into the playoffs through the play-in tournament.

For Brown, no matter who it is, the game will be a reunion of sorts. He's from Boston and went to college at the University of Miami.

"But if we did go to Boston, it would be a lot of tickets," Brown joked. "So it would be really expensive."

Bucks finalizing deal to make Griffin head coach

MILWAUKEE (AP)—The Milwaukee Bucks are finalizing a deal to make Adrian Griffin their head coach after he spent the last five seasons as a Toronto Raptors assistant, a person familiar with the situation told The Associated Press.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Saturday because the deal was still being completed.

Griffin would replace Mike Budenholzer, who was fired earlier this month after the top-seeded Bucks' stunning loss to the Miami Heat in the first round of the playoffs.

Griffin had been an assistant on a Toronto staff headed by Nick Nurse, who was fired last month after the end of the Raptors' season. Griffin was an assistant on the Raptors' 2019 NBA championship team that beat the Bucks in the Eastern Conference finals.

ESPN and The Athletic

first reported the Bucks' selection of Griffin.

His hiring would enable Griffin to return to the place where he started his coaching career.

The 48-year-old was a Bucks assistant from 2008-10 when Scott Skiles was Milwaukee's head coach. Griffin began that first Milwaukee coaching stint after a nine-year NBA playing career that included stops with the Boston Celtics, Dallas Mavericks, Houston Rockets, Chicago Bulls and Seattle SuperSonics.

He also was an assistant at Chicago, Orlando and Oklahoma City before joining Toronto's staff.

Griffin's task would be to make sure the Bucks avoid the early playoff exits that ended their last two seasons as they deal with a potentially narrowing championship window.

Villar homers twice, Giants hit 7 in romp over White Sox



NEW YORK
(AP) —

Isiah Kiner-Falefa hit a game-ending single with one out in the 10th inning as the New York Yankees beat the San Diego Padres 3-2 on Saturday.

After Anthony Volpe hit into a double play in the eighth and Aaron Judge did the same in the ninth, the Yankees got their fifth walk-off win when Kiner-Falefa grounded Nick Martinez's 2-0 pitch down the line just past the glove of third baseman Rougned Odor to score pinch-runner Greg Allen from third.

DJ LeMahieu, who had an RBI double in the first, homered off Padres starter Michael Wacha to tie it in the seventh as the Yankees avoided a fourth straight loss.

Fernando Tatis Jr. homered for the second straight game, and ninth time this season, for San Diego's only hit in Luis Severino's 6 2/3 innings. Ha-Seong Kim hit an RBI single in the seventh off Michael King.

Severino allowed two runs, one earned, in his second start since returning from a strained right lat muscle.

Clay Holmes (3-2) retired Tatis on a soft grounder that was initially ruled an infield hit before being overturned on replay to end the top of the 10th.

Wacha allowed two runs and five hits before turning the game over to Martinez (2-2) for the final 2 1/3 innings.

DODGERS 6, RAYS 5
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)—Freddie Freeman extended his hitting streak to 16 games, Max Muncy and Miguel Vargas homered, and NL West-leading Los Angeles beat MLB-best Tampa Bay.

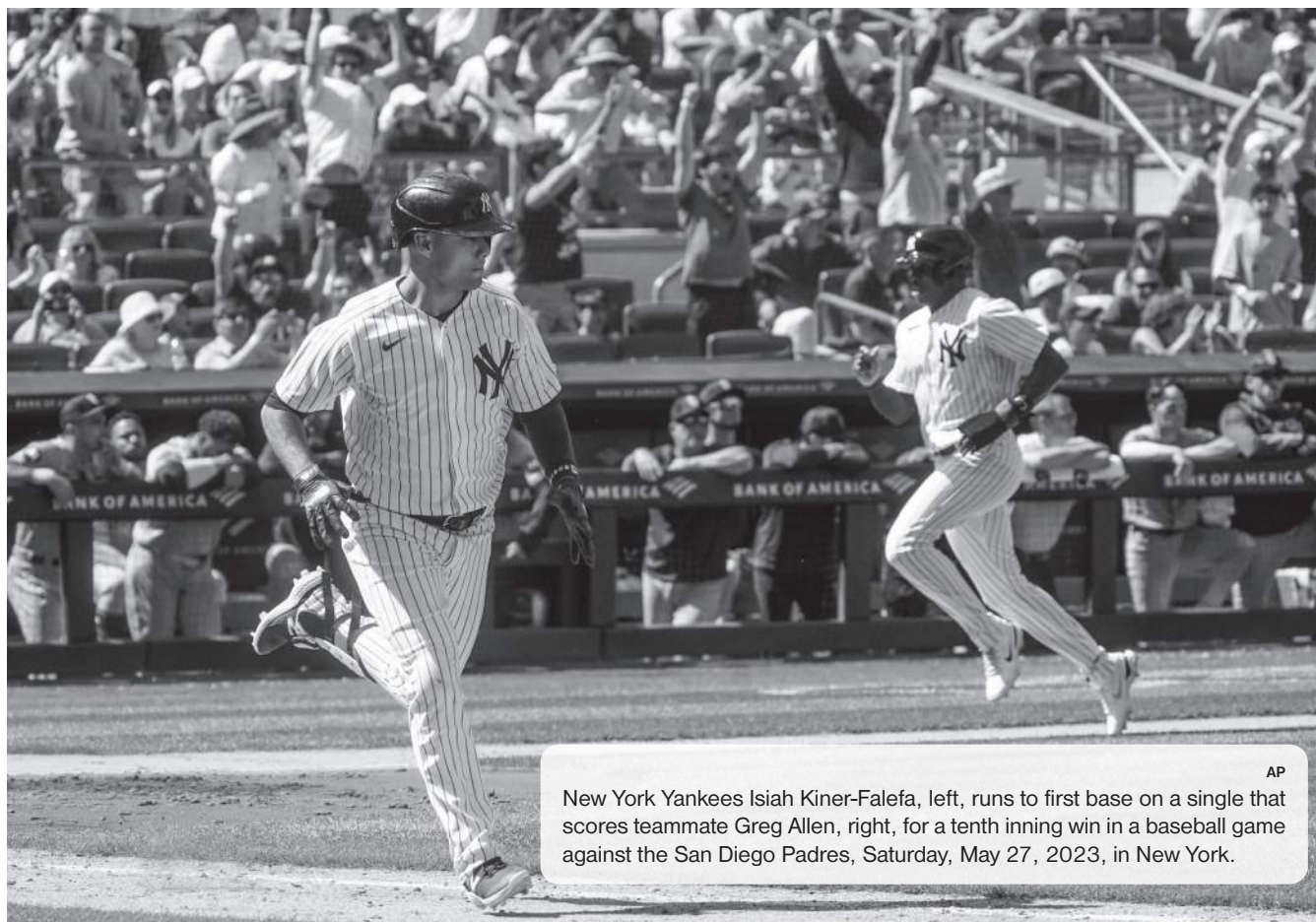
Freeman finished 2 for 3 with two walks and is hitting .444 (28 for 63) with 18 RBIs during his streak.

Mookie Betts had an RBI single and Freeman followed with a run-scoring double off Colin Poche (3-1) as the Dodgers took a 5-4 lead in the seventh inning. Vargas added a solo shot in the eighth.

Harold Ramirez hit the Rays' major league-leading 100th homer, but Tampa Bay dropped to 25-6 at home.

MARLINS 8, ANGELS 5, 10 INNINGS
ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)—Jorge Soler homered in his fifth consecutive game, and pinch-hitter Garrett Cooper delivered a tiebreaking double during Miami's four-run 10th inning against Los Angeles.

Cooper hit a long fly to left-center off Jaime Barria (1-2), and Mickey Moniak couldn't make the tough catch after sprinting to get under it. Miami scored another run when video



New York Yankees Isiah Kiner-Falefa, left, runs to first base on a single that scores teammate Greg Allen, right, for a tenth inning win in a baseball game against the San Diego Padres, Saturday, May 27, 2023, in New York.

review determined catcher Matt Thaiss hadn't touched home plate while turning an inning-ending double play, and Garrett Hampson added a two-run single to punctuate the Marlins' third win in four games.

Soler's go-ahead, two-run homer in the seventh was his 17th of the season — second-most in the majors — and 12th in May, tying Miami's team record for the month.

RANGERS 5, ORIOLES 3
BALTIMORE (AP)—Andrew Heaney pitched seven innings of four-hit ball, Marcus Semien extended his hitting streak to 16 games with a pivotal two-run single and Texas beat Baltimore.

Robbie Grossman and Jonah Heim each had an RBI single for the Rangers, who have won 10 of 13. Their 33-18 record is best in Rangers history after 51 games, and they passed Baltimore (33-19) for second-best in the majors behind Tampa Bay.

After outscoring the Orioles 17-5 in the first two games of this three-game set, Texas is assured of winning a fifth straight road series for the first time since 2016.

Austin Hays homered for the Orioles, who disappointed a crowd of 37,939 with a lackluster performance at the plate for the second consecutive game.

Heaney (4-3) outpitched Dean Kremer (5-2), who allowed three runs in 6 1/3 innings.

PHILLIES 2, BRAVES 1
ATLANTA (AP)—Zack Wheeler struck out 12 in eight shutout innings as Philadelphia beat Charlie Morton and Atlanta.

Wheeler (4-4) allowed three hits, walked one and hit a batter in his first win since April 29.

The right-hander went 0-3 with a 4.44 ERA in four previous May starts.

The Phillies went ahead with two runs in the fifth against Morton (5-5). Bryson Stott had a sacrifice fly, and Trea Turner added a run-scoring double.

Morton struck out nine in 5 1/3 innings. He allowed seven hits and walked four.

Sean Murphy homered against Philadelphia closer Craig Kimbrel in the ninth. Kimbrel then struck out Marcell Ozuna and Eddie Rosario to end it.

It was Kimbrel's seventh save of the season and No. 401 for his career.

TWINS 9, BLUE JAYS 7
MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Willi Castro had his first multi-homer game, Matt Wallner homered among his career-high four hits, and the Twins held off the Blue Jays.

Edouard Julien also homered as part of a three-hit day, and Alex Kirilloff and Kyle Farmer each had two of Minnesota's 14 hits.

Bo Bichette had three hits, including a home run for the second straight game, but the Blue Jays lost for the 10th time in 13 games. Daulton Varsho also went deep.

Castro and Wallner went back-to-back in the fifth off Chris Bassitt (5-4).

RED SOX 2, DIAMONDBACKS 1
PHOENIX (AP)—Reese McGuire's safety squeeze with the bases loaded brought home Triston Casas, which proved to be the difference as Boston beat Arizona.

Boston has won the first two games of the series and will go for a three-game

sweep on Sunday.

Kiké Hernández had an RBI single for the Red Sox in their two-run fourth. McGuire came to bat with one out and dropped a sacrifice bunt down the first-base line for a 2-1 lead.

Arizona jumped ahead in the first on Ketel Marte's seventh homer.

Both teams were using a starting pitcher who just came off the injured list. Diamondbacks right-hander Zach Davies (0-1) hadn't appeared in a big league game since April 8 and looked rusty, lasting only 3 1/3 innings.

CARDINALS 2, GUARDIANS 1, 10 INNINGS
CLEVELAND (AP)—Brendan Donovan homered in the second inning and scored on a passed ball in the 10th to lift St. Louis over Cleveland.

Donovan began the 10th inning on second base as the automatic runner. He stole third and came home when third-string catcher David Fry mishandled a pitch by Nick Sandlin (2-2) to Oscar Mercado.

The Cardinals, who won for the 14th time in 20 games, had just two hits against Guardians starter Tanner Bibee and four relievers. None occurred after Alec Burleson singled in the third.

TIGERS 7, WHITE SOX 3
DETROIT (AP)—Zach McKinstry homered in a three-run seventh inning as the Tigers rallied to beat the White Sox.

McKinstry went 3 for 4 with a sacrifice fly and has reached base 19 times in the last seven games.

Detroit trailed 3-2 going into the bottom of the seventh, but McKinstry tied it with a one-out homer off Joe Kelly (1-3). Consecutive doubles by Riley

Greene and Spencer Torkelson gave the Tigers a 4-3 lead.

GIANTS 3, BREWERS 1
MILWAUKEE (AP)—Mitch Haniger hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the eighth inning and Logan Webb allowed one run over seven innings to pace San Francisco past Milwaukee.

J.D. Davis singled with one out in the eighth off Peter Strzelecki. After Michael Conforto struck out, Haniger sent the first pitch he saw from Strzelecki (2-4) a projected 419 feet to center field for his fourth homer.

MARINERS 5, PIRATES 0
SEATTLE (AP)—Luis Castillo struck out 10 in six crisp innings as Seattle blanked Pittsburgh.

Castillo allowed one hit — Tucupita Marcano's double on the game's first pitch — and walked two. The right-hander earned his second straight win since dropping consecutive starts.

Gabe Speier, Matt Brash, Trevor Gott and Justin Topa then combined for three innings of one-hit ball for Seattle.

The Mariners backed Castillo (4-2) with three runs in the first and one in the second. Ty France hit an RBI double and scored on Eugenio Suárez's check-swing bloop single. Julio Rodríguez added a run-scoring double in the second.

ASTROS 6, ATHLETICS 3
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Jeremy Peña hit a two-run homer in his first at-bat following a planned day off, and Framber Valdez pitched six stingy innings as Houston handed Oakland its 10th consecutive defeat. Alex Bregman had three hits and three RBIs for the As-

tros, who have won 13 of 16. Houston manager Dusty Baker earned his 2,123rd win, two behind Hall of Famer Joe McCarthy for eighth on the career list.

Valdez (5-4) allowed one run and four hits with five strikeouts to win back-to-back starts for the first time this season. Six days earlier, he pitched his second career shutout against the A's.

Ryan Pressly retired three batters for his 10th save.

The A's, off to a historically bad start at 10-44, are on pace for 132 losses — two shy of the major league record held by the 1899 Cleveland Spiders (20-134), who played 112 games on the road.

REDS 8, CUBS 5
CHICAGO (AP)—Jonathan India homered twice and drove in five runs, powering Cincinnati past struggling Chicago.

TJ Friedl and rookie Matt McLain each had two hits and scored two runs as the Reds won for the fourth time in six games.

Buck Farmer (1-3) got five outs for the win, and Alexis Díaz worked a shaky ninth for his 11th save. Farmer, Ian Gibaut, Alex Young and Díaz combined for 4 2/3 innings of one-run ball in relief of Brandon Williamson.

Dansby Swanson and Ian Happ each had two RBIs for the Cubs, who blew a 4-1 lead. Jameson Taillon was charged with four runs and six hits in 4 2/3 innings.

NATIONALS 4, ROYALS 2
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—CJ Abrams hit a two-run double in Washington's four-run sixth inning, Corey Dickerson got his 1,000th hit and the Nationals defeated Kansas City.

Dickerson sparked the big inning with his milestone hit on an RBI double.

After starter Josiah Gray gave up two runs in four innings, Mason Thompson (3-2), Carl Edwards Jr., Hunter Harvey and Kyle Finnegan held the Royals scoreless — with Finnegan earning his 11th save.

Salvador Perez homered for Kansas City.

ROCKIES 10, METS 7
DENVER (AP)—Ryan McMahon hit a go-ahead homer in the seventh inning and Colorado outslugged New York after blowing an early six-run lead.

Charlie Blackmon's two-run double in a five-run second helped the Rockies race out to a 6-0 advantage against Justin Verlander after three innings.

Pete Alonso's major league-high 20th homer started New York's comeback in the fourth, and the Mets tied it 6-all when rookie Francisco Álvarez capped a five-run sixth with a three-run homer off reliever Jake Bird.

SCLC caging playoffs resumes today

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The 2nd Annual Saipan Centennial Lions Basketball League playoffs will resume today, May 29, at the Civic Center Basketball Court after Typhoon Mawar postponed it for more than a week.

Today's first game will have open division top seed Martech-Ol'Aces going up against eighth seed K2 Ballerz in the 6pm first game. The 7:30pm second will then pit fourth seed Ali'i against fifth seed The Game.

Tuesday's matchup will be the continuation of the No. 3 Ol'Aces-No. 6 Pepoy's Cafe & Restaurant masters division tiff that started last May 20 but was put off due to heavy rain. After the 6pm continuation game in the masters division, No. 2 Blue Haus and No. 7 Double A Corp. will duke it out



MARK RABAGO

Marlon De Dios and Ali'i will square off against The Game in the open division playoffs of the 2nd Annual Saipan Centennial Lions Basketball League playoffs at 7:30pm tonight at the Civic Center Basketball Court.

in the second game beginning at 7pm.

The masters postseason already got going last May 19 with No. 1 seed A's Car Air Conditioning blasting No. 8 RNV Construction in the first game, 76-62, and No.

away toward the end.

Run Saipan president Edward Dela Cruz Jr. said in a Facebook post after the race, "thank you to the support staff of Run Saipan officials. Special thanks to IT&E CNMI for sponsoring our wireless connection for the timing system for this race. Thank you to ONETIME sport for timing our event again. Thank you to American Memorial Park for the venue. Thank you so much to CNMI Forestry and their director for donating this year's prizes of plants. Special thanks to Northern Marianas Athletics and Triathlon CNMI for their support."

Run Saipan's next race is the Grotto 10K on June 10 beginning at 6am.

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also joined the recently concluded All School Athletics for his school.

What got him into running was his teacher and barefoot runner, Changwhan Jang, who also ran the 5K. This will not be the last time Lin will join a Run Saipan race.

For Chisato, she said that the course after Typhoon Mawar was surprisingly not that slippery. She almost came to race late because she thought that the course would start on the old route at the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park. She said she was neck-and-neck with Allen the whole race but she pulled

RACE

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Tribune how the group has fared after four days after the typhoon.

"Right now we can't get gas and I'm getting low [in gas]. Still no water at the hotel but they got the generator fixed."

Prior to Mawar's closest approach Race said Guam was beginning to feel the brunt of Mawar.

"We're fine but winds are still about 70. No power at the hotel for 14 hours as the generator got wet yesterday.

4 Blue Eagle/Royal Pacific exacting a 95-62 dismantling of JSN Enterprises in the second game.

The open division play-

Marianas Skate Series moved to June 10

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The Marianas Skate Series skateboarding competition that was set for last Saturday has been moved to June 10 at the skatepark between Gold's Gym and the Garapan Central Park.

The youth clinic is at 9am, the jam session is at 11am, and the expert division competition is at 1:30pm.

Competitors will have two 45-second runs and five tricks to perform. They will be judged on creativity, degree of difficulty, and execution. There are two rounds in the Olympic street skate format called 2/5/3.

There will be prizes for first, second, and third—including brand new skateboard decks.

offs continues on Wednesday, May 31, with second seed New Changming Market taking on seventh seed JTM Saipan beginning at 6pm and third seed Puerto Rico Bento challenging sixth seed Susan's Catering

starting at 7:30pm.

SCLC caging commissioner Sonny Ebuén thanked league teams and fans for their patience. He said hopefully Mother Nature will not cause anymore delays in the league's resumption.

Edward Manibusan, organizer of the event said "We felt that the typhoon, cleanup, and erratic weather this week played a major role in postponing the event. Cleanup efforts and safety is a priority concern of the Marianas Surf Skate League. Also valuable practice time for the competitors was affected this past week. We want to give our competitors the best chance to practice going into this event so they can really showcase their skills."

There are currently 10 skaters competing in the expert division with the age range from 17 to 30 years old.

"It will be an exciting competition... The semifinals will pit all the skaters against each other and the Top 4 overall scores will compete in the final round for the championship crown," said Manibusan. He added, "We are open-

ing the registration deadline up until one hour before the scheduled competition. So if you want to test your skills against the CNMIs best, there is time to register."

The official registration is on their Instagram account @marianas.surfskate.league.

The Marianas Surf Skate League is a non-profit organization formed to promote the sports of surfing and skateboarding in the CNMI through events, competitions, and youth clinics.

The sponsors of the event are MARPAC, Pokka, Boarderline, All Star Sporting Goods, DLNR Parks and Recreations, Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan Mayor's Office, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Saipan Surf Company, Salty Skin Pacific, Local Bones, and Caravan Restaurant.

closest approach to Guam.

"We are holding up great. It feels somewhat calm for some reason, but we are expecting a lot more later on at 1pm."

Lam's mother Joo Lee said Mawar was a frightening storm but that they felt safe inside the concrete hotel.

"Feeling pretty safe here but scary... We have no power and no water in the hotel... The generator got broken during the typhoon... we have no battery so we came to the other hotel to charge our phones... It was a horrible typhoon," she said.

BODYBUILDING

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Resort's Taga Hall.

Stanley, who is no stranger to bodybuilding, said that initially, he did not want to compete this year, but his children wanted him to join them.

"I wanted to really focus on my kids' training; their diet especially, training program, emphasize the science of bodybuilding in terms of their physiological movements and how to build muscles and shred looking leaner at the same time, and how to exercise properly. We've always trained and [done] things together consistently as a family, either motocross, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, MMA, rugby, track/field, and now bodybuilding," he said.

He said with all of them competing, "it's a dream come true.

I'm honored to compete with my kids... I'm blessed and God has been good to me in my life. My kids are my role models... I look up to them. My kids were eager to get on stage... they love competition—it's in their genetics."

For Filomenaleonisa, a 17-year-old Saipan International School student is competing in the figure division which she won in 2021. She is also preparing and training for the 200m sprint of the upcoming 4th Oceania Championship Cup for Track and Field on June 22.

She said, "sports is one of the many ways my family and I connect. We do everything together and even though the process may be challenging, we have a strong support system from one another."

As for why she's joining this time around, she said "I am the

2021 Figure Queen but I have put bodybuilding aside to focus on my main sport, track and field. However, this year my family and I all wanted to take this opportunity of competing in this upcoming Dee Classic show. I am extremely thankful to have my mother and father, brothers, and sister by my side in this journey of defending my title."

She does not have any expectations coming into the competition but that "it may be a challenge but if anything, I am confident and ecstatic to compete amongst veterans and new competitors again," she said. "I am most looking forward to watching my brothers and sister. This will be their first competition, and I am very proud [of] how strong they have been during prep." She said that they just joined five weeks out of the

competition and that dieting was the biggest struggle in her preparation.

Mametto, 15-year-old also from SIS, and 14-year-old Audiescott are joining the classic division.

They both said that they wanted to join when their father and sister joined last time which inspired them. "We were too young to be able to compete but now that we have grown and [are] able to compete, we decided that we would take the opportunity and start now." They said, "I know for certain that it won't be easy. The people that I am competing with are people who have worked out for years and have trained their bodies to look good on stage. But I won't back down from this challenge and will prevail."

To what they look forward

to, they said "I'm looking forward to seeing how I will look on stage. Everyone knows that however you look on stage is how much work you put in because you cannot have someone train for you and expect yourself to look good."

Seventeen-year-old Liekeila'akata Iakopo, who modeled in the luxury brand Jacquemus' "Le Splash" show and was published in *Vogue* last year, is joining the bikini category.

She said on how she thinks the competition will be, "Every athlete has the intention of striving for the best outcome in any sport so with that, I believe I will be challenged in my event as this is my first time competing. But with the encouragement of my father along with my baby brothers and sister, I feel confident and motivated

to do my best in my debut into bodybuilding."

"I am most definitely looking forward to being on stage beside my family and taking in all the moments we shared together during our training [and] celebrating it! We are all working extremely hard that any moment on that stage next to or with my family is priceless," she said.

The struggles she faced in her prep was her eating habits and meal prepping. "Personally, I feel it's one of the more unspoken struggles of training for really anything, especially when you're just introduced to it. Dieting didn't change overnight for me but with the support of my family and with them sharing their experiences, I felt less alone and more motivated to put time into prepping my meals."



White's putback as time expires lifts Celtics past Heat.

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Lin, Chisato top Mangrove 5K



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Runners and Run Saipan officials and volunteers pose for a photo after the Mangrove 5K '23 race last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

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What better way to welcome the post-storm weekend than to run the beautiful scenic route from American Memorial Park to the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park and back?



That's what over 20 runners did last Saturday with youngster Young Jun Lin and veteran runner Rosemarie Chisato topping their respec-

tive divisions in the annual Run Saipan Mangrove 5K '23 race.

Lin raced to the finish line right in front of barefoot runner Chong Nam Lee to take the lead and the first place win

with just a second in front of Lee, 22:11. Lee was second in 22:12 and Shigeki Tenorio third in 22:18.

In the women's division, Chisato claimed first with a time of 23:43; Terra Allen was second in 23:55; and Jessica Ortizo completed the Top 3 in 26:25.

Along with their medals, each winner received a plant from CNMI Forestry as a prize.

Lin, a 14-year-old Hopwood Middle School student, said the course was kind of hard for him. He has been running for just two years and

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Bodybuilding: An Iakopo family affair

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The Iakopo family has made bodybuilding a family affair as father Stanley, Filomenal-



Mametto, and Liekeila'akata are all competing in the upcoming 2023 Dee Clayton

eonisa, Audiescott,

Classic and Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation Championships on June 10 at the Saipan World

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From right, Stanley, Liekeila'akata, Filomenaleonisa, Mametto, and Audiescott Iakopo are all joining the upcoming 2023 Dee Clayton Classic and Northern Marianas Bodybuilding and Physique Federation Championships on June 10 at the Saipan World Resort's Taga Hall.

Race, 2 junior netters in Guam during Mawar

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CNMI national coach Jeff Race and junior netters Simon Tang and La Hunn Lam were essentially on ground zero in Guam when Typhoon Mawar came closest to land-fall Wednesday evening.

Race, a multiple Northern Marianas Sports Association Coach of the Year award-ee and part of the CNMI Sports Hall of Fame, was in the U.S. territory to coach CNMI and Tahiti junior players in a couple of junior tournaments.

"The Oceania Tennis Federation asked me to come over here for the two ITF Junior tournaments to coach some kids from Tahiti and whoever wanted to come from the CNMI. I'm here until June 4. Just having a little bit of a hiccup at the moment," he told *Saipan Tribune* before Mawar's wake.

Due to the Category 4 typhoon, the first week of the U18 Guam World Tennis Tour was canceled.

Race said he, Tang, Lam, and Lam's mother Joo Lee were staying at Wyndham Garden Hotel and the U18 Guam World Tennis Tour is



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, CNMI national coach Jeff Race and junior netters Simon Tang and La Hunn Lam work out at the gym during Typhoon Mawar's approach to Guam.



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From left, La Hunn Lam, CNMI national coach Jeff Race, and Simon Tang are currently in Guam taking part in the second week of the U18 Guam World Tennis Tour.

being played at the Guam National Tennis Center courts.

"Qualifying for the second tournament starts today. La-Hunn and Simon both had a

bye in the first round and then will play each other around 1pm today (Sunday)," he said.

Race also updated *Saipan* See RACE on Page 19